



# HOMES ON FACTORY SITE 'A GOOD MOVE'

BY ALEX ROSS

**A PROPOSAL** to demolish a major factory in Cannock and replace it with homes has been given the initial backing of a town councillor.

Gestamp Tallent, which is moving to a mammoth new £70 million site in Four Ashes, has submitted plans to turn its factory in Wolverhampton Road into 180 homes and 30,000 sq ft of industrial space.

The firm is also looking at keeping a state-of-the-art training base at the site, which it plans to vacate later this year.

Councillor Paul Snape, who is leader of the Conservative group at Cannock Chase Council, said: "New houses for Cannock is a good move."

"The planning application was received this week and I await more detail. But in Cannock Chase we could do with more housing which in turn helps attract new industry to the area." The car parts manufacturer is one of Cannock's major employers and announced its move to South Staffordshire last year. Councillor Snape added: "It is difficult when you lose any business, because you lose the business rates."

## Progressive

"But the new site is just three miles away, and I believe buses will be put on for workers."

The homes plan for the site will be decided on later this year by the council's planning bosses.

Ian Middleton, the UK chairman of Gestamp Tallent, said: "We have not really got a plan when the work will start, if the plans are approved. We have obviously got our new factory that we plan to move into. These plans are progressive rather than a drastic step."

"The facility will be used for residential and commercial, which fits in with what we, the council and the site's neighbours want to see."

"It will be progressive in the sense that realistically it will take two or three years. People will not see homes popping up in 12 months' time."

Cannock Chase Council gets £144,000 per year from the site in business rates and says it would have to wait and see how the site develops before it knows the true financial impact.

Finance director Bob Kean said: "The council is naturally disappointed that Gestamp will be moving out of the district and has made every effort to retain the business in the district, but ultimately recognised that the relocation was necessary to secure the future for the workforce of the company." He said the loss has been 'factored into the council's financial plan'.

## BUSES ROLL OUT AS CHASE LINE SHUT FOR FORTNIGHT



A rail replacement bus about to depart from Rugeley Trent Valley station. Buses are replacing trains on the Chase Line during improvement work

RAIL replacement buses ferried hundreds of people to work, as the two-week closure of the Chase Line got under way.

The route between Rugeley and Birmingham via Walsall will be closed until August 28 for a £100 million upgrade.

Train operator London Midland has put on a fleet of buses to replace the trains, with the first commuters using them on Monday.

The busiest period for the buses was at around 8am. Councillor Mike Bird, the leader

of the Conservative group on Walsall Council, said he hoped disruption would be kept to a minimum, while acknowledging that the work is 'essential'.

He said: "The Chase Line has required upgrading for many years so it needs to be done. It's like anything though - there's no gain without pain."

The upgrade will include track improvements, platform work at Cannock, Landywood and Bloxwich stations, and the installation of

stanchions and gantries ahead of overhead lines being installed next year.

Until Monday, buses will replace trains between Rugeley Trent Valley, Walsall and Tame Bridge Parkway, and to an amended timetable.

From Tuesday, August 22, until Monday, August 28, buses will replace trains between Rugeley Trent Valley and Walsall to an amended timetable.

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## ROADS

### £60,000 resurfacing work in town centre

A ROAD in Cannock town centre will be resurfaced this weekend thanks to a £60,000 investment.

Park Road, which connects the A34 Ringway with Old Penkridge Road, will be resurfaced overnight on Sunday.

The road will be fully closed from 7.30pm on Sunday to 6am on Monday. A signed diversion will be in place.

Staffordshire County Council's cabinet support member for highways and transport Helen Fisher said: "Park Road is an important town centre link."

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## SECURITY

### 'Increased' threat of drones at jail

A PRISON is facing an 'increased' threat of drones flying in mobile phones and deadly drugs, including Black Mamba, a report has revealed.

The Independent Monitoring Board (IMB) says the problem remains an 'ongoing issue' at HMP Oakwood, in Featherstone, which is bringing in military grade radar to combat it on a six-month trial. However, the IMB said G4S, which runs the Category C jail, was managing the problem well.

## THEFT

### Masked men in petrol station raid

TWO masked men broke into a petrol station and stole a haul of cigarettes.

The raiders forced their way into Esso in Cannock Road, Burntwood, between 12.15am and 12.57am on Saturday.

The suspects are described as about 6ft and wearing grey masks.

Anyone with information should contact Staffordshire Police on 101.

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# Amazon to deliver station facelifts



The adopters at Rugeley Town station

AMAZON has pledged to take over maintaining Rugeley's two railway stations.

The online shopping company, which has ties to the region through its Rugeley fulfilment centre, has joined in with London Midland's Adopt a Station programme.

It has vowed to help enhance the appearance of both Rugeley Town and Rugeley Trent Valley stations.

The decision has been praised by Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling and already users of the station can see the benefits, with new floral displays in place.

In recognition of Amazon's support, Ms Milling joined Faye Lambert, head of community rail at London Midland, to present the station adoption team with a plaque.

Ms Milling said: "I am delighted the stations have been adopted by the local Amazon centre and it is a pleasure to join them for the opening ceremony."

"The investment in the stations will make them more welcoming to visitors and commuters and is a great example of what businesses can do to support their community."

Scott Wharton, Amazon's Rugeley general manager, said: "We are proud to be a part of making our local train stations a more welcoming place for the residents of Rugeley and visitors to the area."

"I look forward to seeing the flowers bloom."

As well as benefiting from Amazon's investment and support, users of the Rugeley Town station are set to benefit from work to improve access to the site as part of a £35 million by Staffordshire County Council to improve the county's roads.

# Passengers to see £1bn revolution on the trains

**A huge £1 billion revolution bringing 400 bigger train carriages, room for 85,000 extra passengers, increased services and free wi-fi to Staffordshire's railways has been unveiled.**

The Chase Line will be improved to two trains an hour throughout the day by December next year under bold new plans.

At the same time, there will also be an extra hourly service between Birmingham and Crewe that stops at Stafford and Stone.

And 100 new, longer carriages will be introduced to the Cross City line with services between Lichfield Trent Valley and Lichfield City running every 15 minutes.

## Direct

It comes after Dutch-Japanese consortium West Midlands Trains Ltd beat current provider London Midland to run the regional rail franchise until 2026. It will take over control at the end of the year.

The plans include:

- £700m for new and refurbished trains by 2021.
- Two morning and two evening direct services between Walsall and London from December 2018.
- Compensation if services are delayed by more than 15 minutes.
- 20,000 more rush-hour seats from Birmingham and 10,000 from London.
- Standing room for 50,000 extra passengers travelling to and from Birmingham in 'metro style' carriages for shorter journeys.

Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling has welcomed the new franchise, which she hopes will add to the improvements brought about by electrification of the Chase Line. She said:



West Midlands Rail Ltd takes over the franchise from December 10 and the trains will be purple and orange

"I will be looking to meet the new operators to discuss with them some of the issues faced by passengers over the past few years which have included severe overcrowding and fare dodging."

"The new operators need to have plans in place to tackle these issues once they take over the line's operation in December and ensure the benefits of the electrification project

are fully realised next year." Under the move, around 2,500 railway staff will be transferred from London Midland to the Dutch and Japanese consortium which takes over the regional rail franchise in December.

The change in operator of the rail services will also see the removal of London Midland livery on trains, beginning next month. From December 10, when West Midlands Rail Ltd

takes over the franchise, trains will be painted in purple and orange.

Local services will have West Midlands Railway on the side of carriages but the firm is yet to decide on branding for the longer routes, such as Birmingham to Liverpool.

Rail Union RMT is to have talks with the consortium to seek assurances over the staffing of trains and stations.

# More than 4,000 sign petition to stop HS2

A PETITION which was launched in a last-ditch attempt to stop HS2 has surged past the 4,000-signature mark.

It was started by UKIP MEP for the West Midlands Jill Seymour, who has demanded that Transport Secretary Chris Grayling cancel the high-speed rail line project 'immediately' and cut all its funding.

Describing HS2 as a 'vanity project', she said that people's homes and lives are being 'ruined' by it, and warned that 47 ancient woodlands would be torn up along its route.

The first phase of HS2 is due to open in 2026. Its construction will cause disruption in parts of Staffordshire.

Nine homes in the village of Hopton, near the MoD Stafford barracks, will be demolished, while up to five properties in Great Haywood and Park Farm will be bulldozed.

The petition was released alongside a short YouTube film, HS2 Disaster, featuring interviews with families from across the country who say their lives will be wrecked by HS2.

To sign the petition, go to [change.org/p/chris-grayling-mp-cancel-hs2-immediately-and-cut-all-its-funding](http://change.org/p/chris-grayling-mp-cancel-hs2-immediately-and-cut-all-its-funding)



Jill Seymour

# Sainsbury's in £2k fundraiser

SAINSBURY'S in Cannock launched their latest fundraising drive with a charity weekend which raised £2,000.

The event was in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind - the store's charity partner for 2017-18.

"We are very excited about this charity and look forward to working with them using our ideas and theirs to fundraise for this fantastic cause throughout the coming year," a Sainsbury's spokesman said.

"Thank you to all customers for their generosity."

The funds will help the charity meet costs such as training kits for guide dog trainers, starter kits for a new guide dog owner, vets' fees, and harnesses.

Meanwhile, staff at Sainsbury's Local in Penkridge announced their charity of the year is Penkridge First Responders.

# Market fundraiser

TRADERS in Cannock will set out their stall for charity tomorrow (Friday). A stand located between the mobile phone stall and the cafe in Cannock Market will be raising funds in aid of research into and treatment of Myeloma, a cancer of the plasma cells in bone marrow.



# Suspended council boss saga enters 8th month

THE saga over the suspension of a council boss has dragged on into its eighth month, with no end in sight.

Jamie MacDonald, Staffordshire County Council's head of strategic property, has been suspended on full pay since December last year – raking in more than £42,000 in the process.

Despite repeated requests from the Chronicle's sister paper, the Express & Star, the council has refused to say why Mr MacDonald was suspended or when a resolution is likely.

The authority has admitted it is 'conscious' about the length of time that has passed but that 'proper processes' have to be followed.

Councillor Philip Atkins, leader of Staffordshire County Council, said: "We are conscious that time is passing, and everyone is keen to see a resolution. However, proper processes must be followed in the interests of fairness."

The suspension has attracted criticism from the TaxPayers' Alliance, which says issues such as these should be 'resolved as efficiently as possible'.

James Price, the alliance's campaign manager, told the E&S: "Taxpayers expect their councils to be run in a professional manner, with as little waste as possible."

Mr MacDonald, who earns £72,297 a year, was suspended on December 29 on full pay pending an investigation.

## Trading figures 'disappointing'

A BUSINESS leader has expressed his disappointment in the 'sharp deterioration' of the UK's trading position.

Chris Plant, director of the Cannock Chase Chamber of Commerce, was speaking after trade statistics for June were released by the Office for National Statistics yesterday.

He said: "The sharp deterioration in the UK's net trade position in June was disappointing, and means the trade deficit in the second quarter of this year came in slightly higher than in the previous quarter.

"As the Brexit negotiations unfold, safeguarding the favourable terms of trade that UK firms currently enjoy with partners and markets in Europe and beyond must be a key priority."

## Hare coursing probe

POLICE are investigating reports of two men with lurcher dogs seen hare coursing near Wheaton Aston. Both of them were said to have a West Midlands accent and were travelling in a white Ford Transit van.

# Charity runner is centre of attention



Stefan McWee – 'it's a challenge'

STAFF from Burntwood Leisure Centre are supporting team member Stefan McWee's goal to compete in the Birmingham International Marathon this autumn.

Nineteen-year-old Stefan, who is from Burntwood and works at the leisure centre as a recreation assistant, is in training to run the 26.2-mile course on October 15. He is running to raise money for Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity.

The charity is close to Stefan's heart, after he was treated in hospital as a child for a life-threatening brain

abscess. Stefan said: "This is my first marathon, so it's a challenge, but I'm training hard, and it helps that I am running for a charity that I really believe in. Birmingham Children's Hospital saved my life when I was ten and really unwell, and I hope lots of people will sponsor me so I can raise as much money as possible."

When he was in his final year at primary school, Stefan was rushed into hospital with a brain abscess and needed immediate antibiotics.

He had to have constant care, scans and a number of cannulas. He has a

scar on his head where the abscess was removed, as well as two scars on his chest where two tubes pumped the antibiotics round his body.

Stefan spent weeks in hospital and it was a further two weeks at home before he was given the all-clear and the tubes could be removed.

"I want to thank everyone at the hospital and all the staff – nothing can repay you for all you did for me, and to my friends and family for their support," Stefan added. To sponsor Stefan, visit [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/StefanMcWee](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/StefanMcWee)

# Self-harm case social worker is struck off

A SOCIAL worker who advised a highly vulnerable child to self-harm despite carrying out only an 'on the hoof' risk assessment 'in his head' has been struck off the register.

Former Staffordshire County Council employee David John Steare has been involved in a bitter dispute with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) who suspended him following his actions.

But now, following a review of his case, he has been banned from practising altogether after the regulator deemed he had failed to give an insight to his misconduct. The HCPC's latest report revealed that in the last few months Mr Steare had made 'disparaging remarks' about the body and criticised the review process using 'inflammatory language'.

He was also understood to have told the regulator he was 'disappointed' not to have been struck off following a review in February, saying 'Clearly my last correspondence wasn't inflammatory enough'.

### Concerns

Before the latest hearing, Mr Steare emailed the body saying he was 'getting tired of this' and confirmed he would not be attending.

Concerns were initially raised while he was working for the county council in February 2013, as a practitioner for the Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services Team (CAMHS) at Staffordshire Healthcare NHS Trust.

Mr Steare had advised a child, in the 'highest category of risk', to cut herself only on alternate days while her mother would tend to her wounds without comment.

While it was deemed the course of action could have been appropriate he was found guilty of misconduct because he had not consulted professionals and carried out an inadequate risk assessment, putting the child at further risk of harm.

The HCPC suspended Mr Steare last August, reviewing the case in February, but they have now concluded he failed to provide evidence of 'insight or remedy' into his actions,



Jean and Don Lewis met in 1962 when they were 16 and 15

## Happy couple mark a milestone

DON and Jean Lewis who were wed in Cannock have celebrated 60 years of marriage.

Mr and Mrs Lewis, 80 and 79, of Short Heath in Willenhall, got married at St Lukes on a rainy day in August 1957 when the front door was bolted shut because it was under renovation and the choir did not show up.

They had to enter through a side door and settle for the bells ringing.

The couple first met in 1952 when they were 15 and 16 when they worked on neighbouring market stalls.

Mrs Lewis worked on a fruit and vegetable stall while Mr Lewis sold underwear next to her in a market that was owned by her uncle in Hednesford.

The couple have two children, two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

The pair run a weekly club for around 50 senior citizens from the Amery Unionist Club, New Invention.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Pub in special day for air ambulance

A RUGELEY pub presented the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity with £440 raised at its charity day.

The Stag's Leap in Wolseley Road has been raising money for the charity over the past three months through donating 1p of the price of every main meal. However, the staff decided to go one step further by hosting their own day, which featured stalls and a raffle.

Katie West from the charity said: "Midlands Air Ambulance Charity attends on average six lifesaving missions every day. It is only thanks to support from local people and businesses like the Stag's Leap that these missions can take place."

## Foster families thanked for care

STAFFORDSHIRE'S foster families were thanked during a special celebration day for their invaluable contributions in providing loving homes for the county's looked after children.

More than 300 children and foster carers gathered for the annual celebration barbecue organised by Staffordshire County Council.

The celebration was held at Marquis Drive Visitor Centre on Cannock Chase with families and children taking part in fun activities including table top bowls, football, cricket, face painting, nail art and hair styling.

## Campaign aims for No Regrets

FROM sexting to drug-taking, a police campaign aims to show teenagers how quickly matters can get out of control.

The new Summer of No Regrets campaign discourages teenagers from making decisions that they could regret in later life and, if they already have done something they regret, advises on the help that is available

Supt Carl Ratcliffe, head of prevention and early intervention at Staffordshire Police, said: "Unfortunately, a rising number of young people experiment sexually or with drugs during the summer."

## Food awards to return after a three-year gap

THE Taste of Staffordshire Good Food Awards are to make a return.

The gala black tie evening will take place at Lichfield Cathedral on, October 20 when more than 200 guests are expected at the glittering ceremony.

It will see Taste of Staffordshire accredited businesses go head to head for the first time since the event at Keele Hall in 2014.

There will be 11 different category winners announced on the night.

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## Volunteers praised for flowers' return

VOLUNTEER workers in the Sandwell Valley have been praised for helping introduce wildflower meadows into the beauty spot.

The volunteers have worked alongside Sandwell Council staff to introduce native meadow plants into areas in the nature reserve.

Chiefs said the meadows will 'ensure that the meadow plants can grow in the specially-selected areas around the Valley area'. Councillor Richard Marshall, cabinet member for leisure, said: "The volunteers have done great work on traditional hay meadow management in the Valley fields to create some very colourful areas."

## Putting students on right course

THE University of Wolverhampton has launched a 'Start Here' advertising campaign to highlight its courses on offer, featuring billboard adverts across the Black Country and the wider West Midlands.

The new clearing website pages give detailed information about what courses are available and how students can apply when they receive their results.

Katharine Clough, director of external relations, said: "Reasons for going through clearing may vary, but the end goal will be the same - to get that all-important place on a course. Visit [www.wlv.ac.uk](http://www.wlv.ac.uk)

## Course weighs in with leading title

A RACECOURSE has been named as the Best Small Racecourse in the Midlands by The Racegoers Club.

Wolverhampton Racecourse has won the accolade. Jan Denning, commercial sales director, said: "We are delighted to have been awarded the prestigious title. The award itself serves as testament to all the hard work carried out and dedication of our staff. We look forward to hosting their annual exhibition next month on the September 28."

## Inaugural vegan event due for town

A BLACK Country town will welcome its first ever vegan health and lifestyle event. The Crown Centre in Stourbridge will be packed with more than 40 stalls selling vegan food, goodies and lifestyle products on August 19, from 10.30am to 4pm.

There will be talks and films from leading vegan organisations. Admission is £1 with proceeds going to the Hillfields Animal Sanctuary.

# 'We're doing our V best' vow on traffic

HIGHWAYS England is assuring road users that it is doing its best to make journeys as smooth as possible as tens of thousands of music fans head to the V Festival in Staffordshire and Essex this weekend.

Festival-goers and road users are advised to be prepared and plan ahead as more than 70,000 people make their way to Weston Park and 100,000 to Hyland Park respectively.

David Patmore, assistant emergency planning officer at Highways England, said: "Months ahead of the festival, we work hard alongside event organisers, the police and other partners, using our expertise in handling traffic to help ensure festival-goers have a trouble-free journey to kick off their weekend of fun.

"We strongly advise festival-goers and road users in the area to plan

ahead, ensure vehicles have sufficient fuel, and to have plenty of drinks, such as water, available in the vehicle in case of any delays."

The campsite at Weston Park opens at midday tomorrow (Friday) and closes at midday on Monday.

"We expect the run-up to and from these times to be particularly busy," Mr Patmore added. "We also expect traffic to be busier in the area

throughout the weekend." Signs will direct festival traffic on different routes depending on which direction it is arriving from.

Traffic is also expected to be busy on Monday morning as people head home from the festival. Highways England provides live traffic information via its website at [www.highways.gov.uk/traffic](http://www.highways.gov.uk/traffic) and its iPhone app, local radio travel bulletins and road signs.

# Care home assistant is guilty of bullying

By Marion Brennan

## A CRUEL care home assistant has been found guilty of bullying two residents who suffered with dementia.

Christopher Gilbert, 21, targeted the pair at Windsor House Nursing Home in Littleworth Road, Hednesford, after joining the staff in June last year.

Colleagues said he called 72-year-old Jane Barratt 'a smelly old b\*\*\*h' and also swore at 60-year-old Thomas Stanfield, calling him a 'fat b\*\*\*\*\*'.

Gilbert was given an 18-week prison sentence suspended for 12 months.

Care assistant Jill Small, who often worked the same shift as Gilbert, said she confronted him about his behaviour on several occasions but he swore at her and told her he didn't care.

She said Gilbert was 'lovely and caring' when he started but he changed, developing issues with Mrs Barratt and Mr Stanfield.

She told Cannock Magistrates Court that Mrs Barratt, who used a walking stick, refused to come out of her room when she learned Gilbert was working.

At other times she would see Gilbert swear at Mr Stanfield and slam his bedroom door. Gilbert resigned after receiving a letter suspending him but he fully complied with an investigation. Gilbert, of Rydal Close, Hednesford, denied two charges of ill-treating people who lacked mental capacity between November 1 and January 12.

He claimed Mrs Small and the other staff were lying, suggesting they were jealous as he had been offered a senior position. But the magistrates concluded his evidence was 'not believable'.

Gilbert was also ordered to pay a £965 court bill including costs and compensation.

## Campaigner Jill's ashes scattered in sea



Ms Saward's sister Sue Lancaster with Mr Drake and her three sons



Final farewell to Jill Saward



The service at the church in Nefyn



Mr Drake with his wife's ashes

RAPE laws campaigner Jill Saward's husband scattered her ashes in the sea as part of a final farewell.

Vicar's daughter Ms Saward, who died in January after suffering a stroke aged 51, had her ashes cast out to sea off the coast of Nefyn, in north-west Wales, on Saturday.

A memorial service was held at St David's Church to pay tribute to her 'life, work and ministry' before her husband Gavin Drake released her ashes into the sea.

Ms Saward, from Hednesford, was the first rape victim to waive her right to anonymity to speak about a sexual assault after being attacked at her home in 1986.

She chose Nefyn as her final resting place because of a long-running connection with the town, which began in her late teens.

Mr Drake said his wife never got over the horrific rape that led to her fighting for victims' rights.

He said: "It was always there, it was always something in the background. She lived a full life, a life full of joy, a healthy life - but it was always there."

"So much change has been brought about by Jill's work, but the way victims are treated is still appalling."

"There is still so much under-funding from government for sex assault services."

# JPs' orders spur drop in reports of violence

CIVIL orders which protect people from domestic violence have resulted in a drop in the number of incidents reported, say Staffordshire police.

Domestic Violence Protection Orders (DVPOs) have been available to the force since July 2014. It has secured 521 in that time.

A DVPO can be granted only by a magistrate, and then by law requires a perpetrator to not contact the victim or return to the address where the victim resides for 14 to 28 days.

Research conducted in partnership with Staffordshire University has revealed that once an order has been issued, the number of reports of domestic violence in a case reduces by up to 75 per cent.

It indicates that before a DVPO was issued, there was an average of eight domestic-related incidents recorded. After a DVPO was issued, there is an average of two recorded incidents.

Det Chief Insp Simon Brownword, deputy head of safeguarding at Staffordshire Police, said: "Domestic abuse is a widespread issue which affects all communities and transcends age, race, sexuality and social status."

"Domestic-related incidents in their majority are not one-off incidents."

"Instead, they often involve a pattern of abusive and controlling behaviour, through which the abusers assume power over their victim(s)."

"It is gratifying to see that DVPOs are helping to make a difference and hopefully reducing incidents of domestic violence as a result."

"Our first priority is the safeguarding of the victim and family and so we will continue to monitor the effectiveness of our response."

## Pharmacy offers dementia advice

STAFF and volunteers at a pharmacy provided advice to those living with dementia as well as their carers and those concerned about dementia in their family.

The Well pharmacy in Norton Canes organised the event, which was one of a series of sessions raising awareness of dementia.

Pharmacist Mital Thakrar and Alzheimer's Society support worker Catherine Felton, from Cannock, were on hand to provide expert advice about the life-changing condition.

Mr Thakrar said: "The team provides support every day in our local community through one-to-one advice and private consultations, helping people to live well with dementia."

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# Fake soccer shirts in £1m haul at warehouse

FAKE football shirts have been red-carded after Staffordshire trading standards officers seized counterfeit goods worth more than £1 million.

Scores of boxes of fake shirts for clubs including Chelsea, Liverpool, Barcelona, Real Madrid, Porto, Benfica and Paris Saint Germain were found in a raid on a warehouse.

The haul also included fake mobile phone components, sunglasses and razor blades.

The raid in north Staffordshire was as a result of information received from the National Trading Standards Safety at Ports Project at East Midlands airport. Working with 14 local authorities at ports, airports and postal hubs, the aim of the project is to intercept dangerous and illegal items such as toys, clothing, cosmetics and electrical appliances.

Last year, the European Commission reported that of the total counterfeit goods seized in 2016, 34 per cent were products for daily use and were potentially dangerous to consumers' health and safety, representing an eight per cent increase on 2015.

Councillor Gill Heath, Staffordshire County Council's cabinet member for communities, said: "As well as taking money from reputable businesses, there's no guarantee that counterfeit clothing like these shirts meets high standards and safety legislation, making them potentially dangerous."

# Former police HQ is sold for £15m

THE head of the former Staffordshire Police headquarters has been rubber-stamped.

Bellway Homes has bought the 16-acre site at Baswich Park for £15 million. The sale, which is still conditional on permission for plans to build more than 120 luxury homes, will generate £10m for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

The rest covers provision for affordable housing. The plans had caused controversy after Bellway signalled an intent to build their allocation of affordable homes at another site in Stafford prompting concerns it would cause segregation in the town.

PCC Matthew Ellis said: "The news has been too long coming, however we've managed to agree a good deal."

# Walk from Lakes

CHASE Ramblers will be going on an 8½-mile easy/moderate walk from Earlswood Lakes this Sunday. Walkers should meet at Hednesford railway station for a 9am prompt departure. Call 01543 677816 for details.

# Junction gets £220,000 makeover



Five Ways Island at Heath Hayes

MOTORISTS will benefit from a smoother road surface in Heath Hayes, thanks to work on resurfacing a roundabout.

Staffordshire County Council is investing £220,000 in resurfacing the road and replacing kerbs at Five Ways Island.

The work forms part of a £35 million investment in road and transport schemes in the county, to improve road safety and give people better access to cycle routes and railway stations.

Staffordshire County Council's

cabinet support member for highways and transport Councillor Helen Fisher said: "Five Ways Island is a very well-used junction, and as a result the road surface has deteriorated to the point where it needs such a significant investment. Because the island is so well used, it also requires sophisticated traffic management.

"Works will be carried out overnight in order to minimise disruption, and we've programmed the works to be in the school summer holidays when the roads are quieter.

Work will be carried during the

night to minimise any disruption, and will take an estimated two weeks to complete.

The main resurfacing work will start on Monday evening, and is scheduled to last for six nights. Temporary road closures will be in place between 7.30pm and 6am.

Before that, officers will be undertaking minor kerbing and investigation works, and will be removing the ironwork in preparation.

The island serves Cannock Road, Hednesford Road, Norton Road and Wimblebury Road.

# Gang jailed for running £1.2m drug supply ring

## SIX members of a drugs ring have been jailed for a combined 28 years for supplying up to £1.2 million worth of cocaine.

Police were alerted to the gang when the ring leader collapsed from an overdose in the foyer of a Rugeley hotel.

The men were sentenced at Stafford Crown Court after pleading guilty at an earlier hearing to conspiracy to supply Class A drugs.

Prosecutors alleged the group supplied between £750,000 and £1.2m worth of cocaine in south Staffordshire between 2014 and 2016.

Staffordshire Police launched a probe after Scott Jenkinson collapsed from a cocaine overdose in the hotel foyer on November 1, 2015.

## Discovered

The court heard a search of Jenkinson's rucksack and personal property at the hotel uncovered cocaine which was 'prepared and bagged ready for street dealing'. This had a total value of £12,000.

Officers also seized 'a significant amount' of cash from the proceeds of drug dealing, scales, a screwdriver and drugs bags.

Within hours, police discovered James Colbourne had also been with Jenkinson at the hotel, acting as his assistant in the conspiracy to supply cocaine. As the investigation progressed, street dealers within the drugs ring were identified and seen having meetings with Jenkinson.

Jenkinson was described as having the leading role in the conspiracy, with Robert Kennedy, James Vincent and Nathan Blake as street dealers.



Nathan Blake, from Burntwood



Jamie Vincent, of no fixed address



Matthew Falconer, of Walsall Wood



James Colbourne, from Hednesford



Robert Kennedy, of Burntwood



Scott Jenkinson of Hednesford

Matthew Falconer was described as a warehouseman paid to store drugs for the group.

Jenkinson, aged 32, of Brindley Crescent, Hednesford, was jailed for seven years, and Kennedy, 36, of Boney Hay Road, Burntwood, Vincent, 30, of no fixed address, and Blake, 31, of Kingsdown Road, Burntwood, were all jailed for four years and six

months. Falconer, 40, of Salters Road, Walsall Wood, was also jailed for four years and six months. Colbourne, 29, of Mount Street, Hednesford, was jailed for three years.

Recorder Michael Elsom said there had been a 'high degree of criminality'.

Speaking afterwards, Det Insp Lesley Fowler, of Staffordshire Police's

major and organised crime investigations team, said: "The persistence of our officers and the intelligence gathered during this operation has led to these men being put behind bars for a considerable period of time.

"These six men played a significant role in fuelling drug crime in south Staffordshire, and their sentences are very much welcomed."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Village green bid has MP's backing

RESIDENTS in Brinsford have been supported by an MP in their bid to turn a plot of land into a village green for community events.

The village has been gifted a plot of land by the Prison Service but plans to turn it into a green have been rejected by Featherstone and Brinsford Parish Council. Campaigners have now appealed against the decision.

After meeting with residents, Gavin Williamson, MP for South Staffordshire, said he would urge the council to reconsider. He added: "I think the proposal to install a village green in Brinsford is fantastic and would make an excellent addition to the village."

## Fraudsters send 'bank' con emails

FRAUDSTERS are sending fake invoices seemingly from Santander bank to residents in Staffordshire in a bid to gain access to funds.

Staffordshire Police have issued a warning in light of the phishing emails.

The force said in a statement: "Online security experts are warning computer users to be very wary of emails that claim to contain invoices, even if they appear to be from a trusted source. Self-employed, freelance and contract workers are particularly vulnerable."

## Alert issued over towpath burglars

WOULD-BE burglars are targeting homes backing on to a canal towpath, police have warned.

Two suspicious incidents, in Filance Lane and Princefield Avenue, Penkridge, were reported on the same night after intruders got into two rear gardens that back on to the Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal towpath.

PCSO Louise Jones said: "Both residents reported that their garden fence panels had simply been lifted up.

"Can all residents and boaters passing through please be extra vigilant."

## Reminder on voter registration forms

LICHFIELD District Council is carrying out its annual voter registration canvass.

More than 44,500 households will receive a form asking them to check whether the information which appears on the electoral register for anyone living at the address is correct.

The council is asking all householders to return their completed forms by Friday, September 1 to avoid reminders being sent out.

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## IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



# Poetry in our lingo? That caw be roight!

I'M sure they meant well, but the decision to turn next month's National Poetry Day into a celebration of regional dialects bears all the hallmarks of the ivory-tower academics patronising the hoi-polloi by trying to use a bit of their lingo.

Poets from different parts of the UK have been asked to choose a word exclusive to their local dialect, and write a poem about it.

According to lexicographer Susie Dent, the aim is to "shine a light into a lexicon that's too often overlooked." Which I think, translated into English, means learning about words people in other areas may not be familiar with. Yet isn't exclusivity the whole point of these words?

Believe it or not, most people in the Black Country don't talk about wammels, gleeds, or being clemmed to jeth due to a shortage of bostin fettle in their everyday discourse any more than they doff their cap when the Earl of Dudley trots past in his horse drawn carriage. But we are immensely attached to it because it is part of our heritage, identity, who we are. The last thing we want to hear is some shiny-faced pundit from the Home Counties talking about bibbles and reasty donnies with a curled lip and a knowing smile.

You only have to look at the regions represented by the project to get a flavour of how it is going to pan out. Merseyside, Humberside, Cumbria. Who, outside of the quangocracy, identifies themselves as being from Merseyside? They are from Liverpool, St Helen's, or The Wirral. Cumbria? Didn't exist until 1974, and most of us think of it as being the Lake District. And many years working with a dyed-in-the-wool native of Hull left me in no doubt that references to "Humberside" would not be well-received.

These are areas with no historic or cultural identity, but rather parcels of land drawn up by outside politicians and bureaucrats for the convenience of outside politicians and bureaucrats.

And then we come to the West Midlands, where the problem was highlighted perfectly by the BBC vox pop on the word that had been chosen to represent the area, "bobowler".

Now I know what a bobowler is. You probably know what one is. But the presenters could barely contain their amusement at the obscurity of the word, and nobody the roving reporter spoke to had a clue what it meant. Which is not that surprising, really.

Because bobowler – a butterfly or large moth – is unique to the Black Country. And the BBC man was asking people in central Birmingham.

Bostin, ay it? You caw put a price on that.

## Adventurers abound alongside amiable antipodeans



Grylls and spills – exploring a headline which was in a national newspaper



Adventurer Pen Hadow – poles apart from sanity? As he returns on his chilly quest



Australian High Commissioner Alexander Downer, not at all living up to his name

# Snow way for Pen to reach pole goal

CONFUSING headline of the week. "I survived on insects like Bear Grylls, says man lost in outback for three days." (Daily Telegraph).

ANYONE else confused by Hugh's (Josh Whitehouse) plea to the lovely Demelza (Eleanor Tomlinson) in the finale of Poldark (BBC1)? Hugh is going blind and mumbling a bit. As far as I could hear, he told Mrs Poldark that he wanted a snog in order to go into the darkness "knowing I once tasted Devon." Heaven, apparently.

IN May 1998, for reasons I won't tire you with, I was standing on an ice floe 200 miles from the North Pole at 20 degrees below zero, watching a councillor from Wolverhampton trying to persuade an Arctic explorer to pack it in and come home (like I say, it's complicated). The explorer, Pen Hadow, was making absolutely no progress on his way to the pole. Every day he trekked a few miles north across the floes and pitched his tent. As he slept, the floes drifted a few miles south. But, despite the pain, cold and polar bears, he refused to be rescued. All we could do, after a perilous 14-hour flight to find him, was give him extra food and a small boat and wish him well. Hadow carried on trekking north for a few more days before being rescued by a navy vessel. Now, at 55, he's off again, leading a party trying to sail two yachts to the pole to demonstrate climate change. Back in '98 he struck me as utterly bonkers and a tad selfish. But above all, a tiny dot at the top of the world, limping on with an injured knee, he looked incredibly vulnerable. I would not have put money on him being alive, let alone still exploring, nearly 20 years later.

IF I learned anything from my Arctic adven-

## THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



ture, it is not to eat luke-warm runny egg sandwiches as one's Twin Otter makes its final approach to land on a large piece of ice. This is needlessly adding nausea to terror. One of my few claims to fame is that I have thrown up at 86 degrees north.

ALEXANDER Downer. How did he slip through the net? The Australian High Commissioner popped up on the BBC's flagship radio programme Today this week and dared to utter the O-word about Brexit. Optimism. At a time when the only acceptable liberal-left narrative is that leaving the EU will destroy the country and sentence our grandchildren to eternal serfdom, Downer said some Brits were being a bit too glum. I will not poison your tender minds with more of his antipodean joy. As my mailbox over the past few days shows, some Brits are positively slaving for disaster. They cannot wait for armageddon. They are aching to embrace dereliction. How dare some cheerful Aussie walk on their dreams?

A BBC schools video on Roman Britain features a black soldier. The historian Mary Beard says Roman Britain was indeed ethnically diverse. For this, she has been pilloried on social media (why don't we call it antisocial media?). Consider what Rudyard Kipling, proud spokesman for the British Empire and the man who urged us to "Take up the white man's burden," had to say on the subject. You might imagine that Kipling, of all people, would believe in an

ethnically pure, all-white ancient Britain. Not so. In his poem about the Thames, The River's Tale, he writes: "And Norseman and Negro and Gaul and Greek / Drank with the Britons in Barking Creek." A black face in Londinium 1,800 years ago would have attracted no more attention than it does today.

THANKS for your horror stories of deliveries by couriers. I loved the tale from a reader who received a text message that a parcel would be delivered to his address at 11am. Which was odd because he wasn't expecting anything. Next came a text with an image, apparently showing the parcel delivered by his side door. It turned out the photo was of somebody else's side door. The parcel, which had nothing to do with him, had been safely delivered to an address in Liverpool. The reader lives in Walsall.

THANKS, too, for your tales about dodgy pub quizzes. They reminded me of the one occasion when I objected to a quiz result, on the grounds that the rules stipulated teams of four and the "winning" team had six. "Oh, it's just a bit of fun," laughed their captain, collecting a handsome prize. Depends on what you call fun.

YOU are about to leave a restaurant and ask for the bill. "How much would you like to pay?" says the waiter. "Just the bill, please," you insist. "Yes," says the waiter, "but how much?" Bonkers? Of course it is. Yet this is how Britain's "divorce bill" from the European Union is being decided. They want us to suggest a figure. We should tell Brussels to do the sums and give us a properly itemised invoice. Then we can move on to the "I never had fried rice" argument, followed by tearing up the bill and rushing for the door.

## TALKING POINT



# Cyclists: Go bike to basics on safety

DRIVING home down the dark country lanes I cornered – luckily quite slowly – to be confronted by not one, but two cyclists.

As they were riding two abreast and pretty much taking up most of that side of the road I had two options: I go round them, right across the other side of the road, putting myself and drivers on the other side at risk; or I wait until they put their brains into gear to choose the safer option to cycle single file.

Yes you guessed it, no thought on their behalf and I am forced to do the former, thankfully there was nothing coming the other way although I still had to drive behind them for around half a mile before it was safe to go past – blind corners.

How many times has this situation been the case? And I have to say on most occasions it has been cyclists wearing the tops with their cycling club name on the back. I feel tempted to ring the club up and tell them how irresponsible this is. It's not the thing that most 'Joe Bloggs' cyclists do. Surely if you are a member of a club you should know how to ride safely, even if you are racing against the clock. My husband and I recently returned from France where most of the cities and towns are well-blessed with cycle lanes and they are very well used. But even with the advantage of these special lanes the cyclists do not abuse the system by straying outside the lines and into the drivers' area.

When our children were small they all had bikes and we would go on rides as a family. They were always taught to keep single file, cycle in the middle of the line with adults taking the front and back positions, and never to ride alongside chatting to each other.

Another thing that was a no-no was cycling with headphones on. My husband drove behind a cyclist and tooted to show that the rider was straying to the middle of the road. He totally ignored him. When he finally passed, he realised why – headphones with music blasting in his ears. He had no idea there was even a car there, and yes, he was a club cyclist!

And just one more gripe, years ago, not a safety issue this time, more one of good taste. We once had a colleague who cycled into work – very admirable – the only problem was when he got here he did get changed but left his sweaty clothes and, even worse his trainers, steaming at the side of the office. Not pleasant. Fortunately he has now left and no doubt is stinking out somebody else's office. Not nice but at least this won't kill you!!

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● See next week's Talking Point as we give the cyclist's verdict on drivers.



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# Mother in new appeal on daughter's mystery death

**"WE are desperate for answers - I don't believe Kerry would have killed herself."**

The mother of Kerry Cast, found dead in unexplained circumstances at her home, has made a heartfelt appeal for information over her daughter's death. Mrs Cast, a former Cannock Chase High School pupil, was last seen by her mother Kathy Weaver three days before her body was discovered.

She lived alone at her home in Hednesford and was found after police were alerted by two neighbours who were concerned about her apparent absence. A post mortem examination was inconclusive, and further tests are being carried out to ascertain the cause of death.

While the wait goes on, Mrs Cast's family have launched a public appeal, led by her mother Mrs Weaver, 64, from Cannock. She said: "It is heart-breaking for us."

## Work

"We love Kerry so much, and we miss her, and you try to deal with her loss, but at the same time you want answers. Any information no matter how small it maybe to someone, it might be important."

Mrs Cast grew up in Cannock, left school and went to work for engineering firm Turner Evans in the town.

She married John Cast and the couple lived in Burton. But when Mr Cast was diagnosed with motor neuron disease the family moved to West Sussex.

The couple had two children, now aged eight and nine, both of whom live with Mrs Weaver.

After Mr Cast died, Mrs Cast moved to Hednesford three months ago. She was set to go on holiday with the family to Spain in August. The vacation has now been cancelled.

Mrs Weaver said: "The last time I



Kerry Cast - further tests



Kathy Weaver - 'heartbreaking'



Police released this CCTV image in a bid to trace three potential witnesses

saw her was on June 28, I went to her home just to say hello. I wasn't concerned about her, she was OK. Then on July 1, I received the call from the police. I was absolutely shocked, very saddened and devastated."

She added: "She had close friends in the area. She was a private person. I don't think she would take her own life. I don't believe it."

Last week, Staffordshire Police released a CCTV image in a bid to trace

three potential witnesses to Mrs Cast's death.

Det Insp Dan Ison said: "They are not suspects but could be witnesses and therefore we are keen to speak with them."

"Additionally, we want to speak to any person who had cause to drive, or was a passenger, in any vehicle in Herondale or Swallowfields, Cannock, including taxi/delivery drivers, between 11pm on Tuesday, June 27 and 5am on



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8 Carers are in need of support

There are 6.8 million carers in the UK and every day another 6,000 people take on a caring responsibility. Unpaid carers face huge challenges. For instance, according to our own research, a third of carers have never had any significant time off since they started caring. I work for a fantastic charity called Revitalise. We provide much-needed respite holidays for disabled people and carers at three accessible UK centres, and we're appealing to the nation on Radio 4 to ask for more support for the nation's unsung army of carers. The appeal will be broadcast on Thursday, August 17 at 3.27pm. To find out more about our appeal, visit [www.revitalise.org.uk](http://www.revitalise.org.uk) COLIN BROOK Revitalise

Cashier was probably just following rules

I HAVE just read the Talking Point article (August 10) and the writer's reaction to her treatment in the purchase of alcohol both shocked and infuriated me. However inconvenient this may have been for your weekend plans, did you ever consider that the cashier was just doing their job and following procedure? On a more complex level, does the writer know that in a 2017 Children's Commissioners report it was stated that there was an estimated 945,919 children under the age of 16 in a home with parents who abused alcohol. This cashier could have not only been following procedure but could have had a social concern for the youngster who was being asked to carry alcohol they should not have had any contact with. Furthermore, in relation to the generalisation that only the elderly and stay at home mums are caught speeding, well I'm sorry if this seems a little extreme but speeding no matter by how much is illegal, period. There really is no excuse. Statistics from a 2016 Department for Transport report state just 1,447 people were caught speeding between 9am and 3pm in contrast to 3,685 people caught speeding between 3pm and 8am. HAYLEY HART Hednesford

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Let's forget this stupid blame game

AARON Bate suggests areas like ours bear the brunt of austerity when referring to the closure of Cannock College (Letters, August 3). How does spending £6 million on the college four years ago demonstrate austerity? The closure of the college is not austerity, just incompetence and economic reality. Another correspondent, Lesinthesed, suggests that HS2 be regarded as another M6 Toll, yet the M6 Toll costs taxpayers nothing. Real austerity is not here and taxes are still rising. Correspondents should forget the stupid blame game and wake up to what is really happening. Regrettably, most politicians do not have a clue. GRAHAME WIGGIN UKIP Cannock Chase

Give dogs a zone of their own in parks

REGARDING responsible dog owners (Talking Point, July 13) I have lived all over the world as a performer and while in Vienna found they have a very good area for dogs called 'hund zones' (dog zones) at their local parks and greens. It simply is an enclosure like a little park in the corner where dogs can run freely while their owners sit on a bench not worrying. We definitely have the space here in Cannock parks. It would protect the children from rogue dog poo and attacks etc so come on, UK, let's catch up with our European neighbours and install dog areas. Our dog loved it as we could never let it off as she would run off. This was great because she could run and we would be able to catch her. TRACY DAVIES Hawks Green

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## Support for victim forms topic of talk

SI Cannock & District

SUE Arnold, Staffordshire's deputy Police & Crime Commissioner, was the guest speaker at a recent meeting.

President Val Jones introduced her as a 'Woman of Power' who would talk about women as victims, her theme for the year.

Sue has been deputy commissioner since 2012; part of her portfolio is 'victims', considering in particular how they are treated and the support mechanisms available to them.

Her work with several agencies meant that the Victim Gateway was launched ensuring support is available to every victim of crime in Staffordshire. Additional services are available for victims of domestic abuse. Part of the support now available is to businesses.

Cyber Crime is a growing and extremely worrying issue and Sue showed particular concern for children and young people who are open to crime through their mobile phones.

FGM is a big issue in Staffordshire as well - there have been 30 new cases in Staffordshire this year with cases growing year. Modern Day Slavery affects men, women and children and is as prevalent in Staffordshire as it is elsewhere.

The final project Sue spoke about was Staffordshire Police Cadets, and, after thanking her for her interesting and informative talk, Soroptimist Trish Mellor presented Sue with a donation for the Cadets.

# Speaker reveals bear truth about teddies



Speaker Gaynor Woodward and Cannock WI Past President Del Johnson with the hug of teddy bears

Cannock WI

IT was no picnic for the teddy bears at the WI - just coffee and biscuits! Gaynor Woodward brought a hug - the collective noun for a group of teddy bears to the last meeting.

In fact members were actually offered a hug, as Gaynor introduced each of her bears and offered them to sit on members' laps during her talk. Gaynor is an arctophile, who has a passion for teddy bears.

She gives her bears names and brought Gordon Bruin along with his one-time friend Tony Bear; and Claus who has claws! They helped tell the story of the origin of the "teddy", named after Theodore Roosevelt who had refused to shoot a bear during a hunting party; and of Margaret Steiff who began by making bears for her family.

Gaynor judged the competition, won by Margaret Walker's teddy made from the lining of a war time airman's jacket. Jill Gooch has set up a Facebook page for Cannock WI and Margaret Sampson has created one for Staffordshire Country Market Society. Members were encouraged to post and share pictures and information.

## Ladies enjoy strawberry tea

CHESLYN Hay TG Guild held their annual strawberry tea on July 20.

Thanks were conveyed to all the ladies of the committee who prepared the truly scrumptious food. Everyone was surprised at the size and amount of strawberries.

The ladies were given a report from the

Cheslyn Hay TG

guild's representatives at the AGM held in Sheffield. The guild held a table top sale at Cheslyn Hay Village Hall on August 3 in aid of charity.

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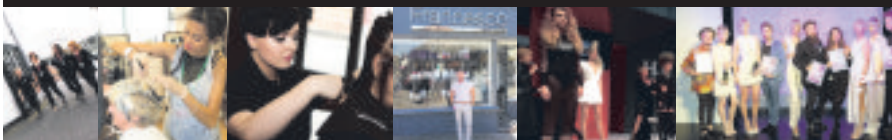
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# Tragic teenager Luke was about to start a new job

**A NEW job, a first holiday with friends and the backing of his family – it was supposed to be the start of Luke Barnett's adult life.**

But a day after the 19-year-old was offered a job at the RAC, he collapsed on holiday in Ibiza.

The life-long Aston Villa supporter died after suffering a cardiac arrest while walking back to his hotel. His mother Claire Barnett, who he lived with in Hawkyard Court, Cannock, had spoken to him hours before.

"He was in great spirits," she said.

"He'd been offered the job at the RAC and was given a big cheer by his friends. It was the start of everything for him, but it turned into the end that night. I still can't believe it."

**Luke Barnett**

After speaking to Luke on the phone on the evening of July 4, Ms Barnett received a call at 3am the following day to say that her son had died.

Tests are still being carried out to discover what caused the cardiac arrest. An inquest will then be held.

Friends and family gathered for Luke's funeral at Stafford Crematorium, before a celebration of his life at Chase Golf Club. His pals wore Villa shirts with Barnett written on the back, while claret and blue balloons were let off into the air. A collection was held, with some of the money donated to the British Heart Foundation and the rest used for a memorial.

Tributes poured in for the teenager after he died. Rowena Hillier, principal at Staffordshire University Academy in Hednesford, said: "We are all really shocked and saddened to hear about the death of Luke. When he was a pupil here Luke was a valued member of the academy community."

Other tributes included one from Joshua Tolley, who said: "Such a nice young lad and a pleasure to grow up with though school with you."



**Claret and blue balloons are released in Luke's memory**

## New faces at homes firm

TWO new members of staff have been appointed to strengthen Cameron Homes' customer care department.

Mark Johnson and Mark Leece have joined the Chasetown-based developers as multi-skilled technicians.

Mr Johnson trained as a carpenter with a Sandwell Council contractor before starting his own business as a kitchen, bathroom and window fitter. He also has experience as a contracts

manager with a safety and environmental business and as a qualified surveyor of hazardous materials.

Mark Leece trained as a builder, refurbishing empty properties for Birmingham City Council, and has worked with Sandwell Council adapting bathrooms for people with mobility problems.

Both will provide technical support for Cameron's customer care team.

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# 11 Sizzling win for fruit farm in Taste awards

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Butcher Gareth Griffiths with the award winning bacon and sausages at Essington Fruit Farm

A BUTCHERS shop has won several prestigious national awards in the Oscars of the food world.

Essington Fruit Farm had two products given gold stars in the Good Taste Awards. The fruit farm's home-cured back bacon won two-gold stars, while their pork sausages won a one-star rating. The highest rating is three stars.

Will Simkin, director of Essington Fruit Farm, said: "It's the first time we've gone for a national award so we're really pleased with the outcome. We've done well in regional awards in the past but this is a big step up and we've proved ourselves on the national scale."

The awards are organised by the Guild of Fine Food, which rates hundreds of retailers across the UK.

The farm, which alongside cattle, has about 250 pigs, has a 50-acre pick-your-own site which grows around 30 different crops including raspberries, blueberries and blackberries. The butchers opened up on the site about 10 years ago.

# Centre gets another good rating from CQC

A HEALTH centre in Chase Terrace has been praised by the Care Quality Commission and given a 'good' rating.

The Salters Meadow Centre in Rugeley Road was previously given a good rating following an inspection in 2015 – and has continued to maintain its standards, according to CQC inspectors.

The centre was given a 'good' rating in four out of five key areas and the same rating overall, although safety was deemed to require improvement.

Previously, it had been rated good in all areas except for leadership, which was deemed to require improvement.

## Check

This time, safety was the area where work was needed, while leadership was rated as good.

The rating follows an un-announced inspection which was carried out on June 12 to check that improvements requested last time around had been made.

A total of 11,559 patients are currently registered with the centre. Professor

By Jordan Harris

Steve Field, chief inspector of general practice with the CQC, said: "The practice had good facilities and was well equipped to treat patients and meet their needs."

"There was a clear leadership structure, and staff spoke positively about the support from the GP partners and management team."

"Staff demonstrated that they understood their responsibilities and had received training on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults relevant to their role."

Despite the continued good work by bosses and staff, the CQC still had concerns relating to safety, primarily regarding fire evacuation drills.

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## LETTERS EXTRA

### Let us not forget the elderly

WHILST I admire the loyalty shown towards Cannock town centre by Chris Wright, I feel I must say in defence "Please be aware Chris that Rugeley also has a town centre that could be regenerated" ("Wrong site was chosen", August 10).

The proposal to build more houses on the power station land makes you wonder how the already stretched and struggling amenities will be able to provide the services required.

We already have housing belonging to Lichfield on our doorstep. It seems that everyone wants to clutter up Rugeley. If we are to build, let us not forget the needs of our older generation. There would be room for a much needed residential and nursing home.

There is a special need for people with Alzheimers, Parkinson's, dementia, the list goes on. Consider bungalows for the more independent which would release up much needed family homes. There could be a safe area to walk and enjoy.

There is enough room on that site and what's more we will all get old one day.

**JANICE WEIGHTMAN**  
Brereton

### Electric switch could generate a new use

THERE have already been many suggestions for the use of the power station land at Rugeley.

My ears pricked up to hear that we shall need another 10 power stations to recharge the huge number of electric cars that will be built to replace petrol and diesel cars in the future.

I wondered if it made sense to use the land at Rugeley for a power station.

**MARK ELLSE**  
Cannock

### Hostility came from a threat to the elite

EIGHT weeks ago Jeremy Corbyn's leadership, and radical manifesto, led to a historic surge in the Labour vote. As a consequence of this, many right wing MPs who attempted a coup only last summer were eating humble pie and falling over each other to profess their loyalty to him.

The hostility to Corbyn over the last two years has not been, as the right claimed, because they thought he was 'unelectable' but rather that his programme represents a threat to the capitalist elite.

And this is the reason the capitalist wing of the Labour Party, the Blairites, has been determined to oppose him.

A few ultra 'Blairites', including Blair himself, have continued to attack Corbyn's popular socialist agenda.

The majority are hoping to force him to step back from his anti-austerity programme, and are doing this openly around the question of Brexit and the single market.

**PAUL WITTON**  
Cannock

### Clarity needed on hall's future

THE current wave of interest in Stafford Shire Hall is good, but there are many unresolved issues.

It is a very difficult building to run, partly because it is a listed building. There are strict rules which do not allow much modernisation.

It must remain in its historic form, and what can be done needs clarification.

**TREVOR FISHER**  
Stafford

### Suspension dragging on

GOODNESS gracious me, another 'announcement pending' result in the saga of the suspended Staffordshire County Council boss.

Makes one think, yes? So, 'earning' or 'getting' or what? Have ratepayers got a share?

**PHILIP EVANS**  
Great Wyrley

### Doctor is always helpful

REGARDING Hednesford Valley Health Centre, my wife and I have been patients with Dr Murugan since he took over the practice ("Inadequate" GP practice put in special measures", July 27). We were with Dr Israel till he retired.

At no time have I been disappointed with Dr Murugan. He has been very helpful and understanding. A lot of people would be lost if we were to lose this doctor.

**RAY COOPER**  
Hednesford

### Awards celebrate work on dementia

I AM delighted to be hosting Alzheimer's Society's fourth annual Dementia Friendly Awards this year.

This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate those people who are making an outstanding contribution towards improving the lives of those affected by dementia.

Further information about the whole list of categories and how to enter can be found at alzheimers.org.uk

The closing date for entries is midnight on August 21 and I hope to see a diverse array of nominations from your area. Our finalists will be selected, and invited to a ceremony in London on November 29. Wouldn't it be great if we could honour and recognise someone from your readership?

**ANGELA RIPPON**  
Alzheimer's Society ambassador

### Glenn's local geography is somewhat off track

GLENN Hughes has always been a great musician but his geography is rubbish ("Town always has place in my heart", August 3). He was born in Cannock and his first band while at Calving Hill School was called The News.

The last time I checked, Cannock has never been in the Black Country, so I would have preferred him to say he is proud of his true roots.

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# Child arrests in region fall by more than 60pc

## Arriva boss put on the spot



Amanda Milling and Rob Cheveaux at the Arriva depot in Cannock

CANNOCK Chase MP Amanda Milling raised the concerns of bus passengers when she visited Arriva Midland's depot in Cannock.

During the visit to the garage in Delta Way she discussed changes to local services with area managing director Rob Cheveaux.

"This was an opportunity to discuss the local bus services with Rob and raise the concerns of constituents," Ms Milling said.

"We discussed, amongst other services, the loss of a service along the Norton Green Lane area of Nor-

ton Canes, and I hope that together we can work to reach a solution.

"Bus services are a crucial lifeline for many residents, and when faced with issues, whether it be the complete loss of a service or reductions to regular scheduled journeys, it significantly impacts on daily life."

Mr Cheveaux said: "We appreciate Amanda taking time out of her busy schedule to visit our Cannock depot and were delighted to have the opportunity to show her around and discuss any concerns she might have."

**CHILD** arrests across Staffordshire and the West Midlands have dropped by more than 60 per cent, latest figures show.

During the past six years, the number of children arrested by Staffordshire Police has dropped by 68 per cent in the last six years, while arrests by West Midlands Police have decreased by 64 per cent.

The figures were released by the Howard League for Penal Reform, which launched a programme in 2010 to keep as many children out of the criminal justice system as possible. Research by the charity found that West Midlands Police made 5,244 arrests of children aged 17 and under last year – down from 14,387 in 2010.

Staffordshire Police made 1,350 arrests last year – down from 4,163 in 2010 – and the force said it was looking to further reduce the number of children it arrests.

### Priority

Insp Martin Stevenon, from the force's integrated offender management team, said: "Staffordshire Police continues to work closely with partner agencies, such as the youth offending services and national bodies, as we aim to further reduce the number of children arrested."

"Our priority is to ensure that due consideration is given to utilising tactics that do not require an arrest to be made but nevertheless result in an intervention for the young person, and a positive outcome for the victim."

"We will continue to work with agencies such as the Howard League for Penal Reform, in our efforts to further reduce the number of children arrested."

Brigg Ford, a spokesman for West Midlands Police, said the force 'could not speculate' as to why there had been such a severe drop in the figures.

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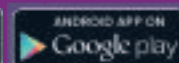
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# 14 Cannock firm buys rival Irish company

The Chronicle Thursday, August 17, 2017

**BRIGGS Equipment has bought an Irish business as part of the company's five-year growth strategy.**

Dublin-based Irish Lift Trucks (ILT) was part of the OHM Group in the Republic of Ireland.

It is a long established dealer of the Hyster range of materials handling equipment serving the Republic.

The deal enables Cannock-based Briggs and ILT to build on the Irish firm's experience and customer base.

And being part of a larger Hyster dealer will allow ILT to grow and expand its offering more quickly than on a standalone basis, providing customers with a broader solution underpinned by Briggs Equipment's market-leading service levels.

This move also allows Briggs to



Briggs Equipment's Cannock HQ

maintain a presence in the EU at a time when the subject of European economic co-operation is going through a period of transition.

Peter Jones, managing director of

Briggs Equipment, said: "We are delighted to be able to make today's announcement."

"The market that Irish Lift Trucks serves so well is an ideal new market for the proven and successful Briggs Equipment proposition. The versatility of our offering means we have tremendous scope to build on existing relationships and develop new ones."

## Support

Briggs Equipment has a team of more than 600 engineers throughout the UK and also provides global equipment and maintenance support with the Ministry of Defence.

In addition to being the Hyster-Yale Group's exclusive UK distributor for the Hyster and Yale ranges of materials handling equipment, Briggs enjoys other strategic partnerships.

## Games on! Boost for county



Councillor Mark Winnington, Paul Farmer, managing director at Wade Ceramics, Michelle Vorel-Adams, commercial director at UK Corporate Games, and Councillor Anthony Munday

EUROPE'S largest multi-sport festival is to give a multi-million pound boost to the economy in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent.

The UK Corporate Games sees amateur athletes from companies across the UK compete in a variety of sports while showcasing the area's growing economic opportunities. More than

3,000 competitors took part when Stoke hosted the event in 2015 – and the county council has high hopes there will be more when the city gets to host again from June 21 to 24, 2018.

The event has been staged annually in the UK since 1992. This year the games were held in Nottingham. Venues include Trentham Gardens.

## Three arrested over travellers site 'disorder'

THREE men were arrested in connection with an 'incident of disorder' in Coven Heath.

It came after officers executed three search warrants at addresses in Stoke-on-Trent.

The three men – aged 26, 32 and 34 from the South Yorkshire area – were arrested on suspicion of possession of a firearm and violent disorder.

Police received initial reports of disorder at a travellers site in Coven Heath on Thursday evening. A number of addresses and vehicles across Staffordshire were then searched.

Det Supt Steve Morrey, of Staffordshire Police, said: "We'd like to be clear to our communities that we have plans in place to offer reassurance through increased patrols at locations across the county. We have acted swiftly to detain suspects and will not tolerate threats and this kind of disorder in Staffordshire."

Anyone with information should contact police on 101 quoting incident number 891 of August 10.

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## Baa Wars break out at farm's fun day



Dionne Webb, front, Megan Francis, Sophie Stubbs and Charlotte Male ready for 'Feel the Force' Thursdays

MAZE the Force be with you! 'Baah Wars' broke out at a Staffordshire farm during a family fun day.

The Millennium Falcon Maize Maze was among the highlights of the Star Wars-themed event at Lower Drayton Farm in Penkridge. The event is being hosted every Thursday until August 31.

The maze stretches over six acres and has a Star Wars theme. Other activities at the farm including meeting the animals, a tractor ride, an adventure playground, craft activities and nature trails.

## Baby died after mother rolled on top of her

A 12-WEEK-OLD baby was accidentally suffocated after her sleeping mother rolled over her while in the same bed, an inquest heard.

Francesca Atkin was moved from her cot and placed in her mother's arm by her father, Matt Atkin, in a bid to have her settle. Mr Atkin went to sleep the remainder of the night in a spare room.

When he returned he discovered his baby underneath her mother, Charlotte Corbishley. Ms Corbishley woke and performed CPR on baby Francesca until paramedics arrived.

A pulse was recovered and Francesca was taken to Royal Stoke University Hospital where it was discovered she had suffered a catastrophic brain injury.

The decision was made to withdraw life support and Francesca was pronounced dead. Senior Assistant Coroner Margaret Jones ruled that on the balance of probabilities Francesca died as a result of an accident.

At the conclusion of the inquest, Mrs Jones issued a plea for parents to remind themselves of the dangers of sharing a bed with babies.

She said: "Co-sleeping where babies are in with their parents is not a recommended way of dealing with babies who are unsettled

By Robert Cox

during the night. It leads to problems such as these."

The hearing at Cannock Coroner's Court was told Francesca was born at Royal Stoke University Hospital on March 9 weighing 5lb and was considered healthy.

In the early hours of June 1 she woke crying at the family's home in West Way, Stafford, and Mr Atkin attempted to soothe her. It was around 5.30am that he placed Francesca on her mother's outstretched arm.

Giving evidence, DS Lisa Holland, from West Midlands Police, said: "He got up at 7.30am. He went into the bedroom and could see Charlotte fast asleep and couldn't see Francesca.

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# Scarred pilot tells of plane propeller horror

**A FORMER RAF engineer was smashed in the face by the propeller of his own plane in a freak accident, leaving him with serious injuries.**

Dominic Whelan, from Willenhall, 'thought he was going to die' when he was slashed by the blade as he carried out work on his microlight at Otherton Airfield in Penkridge.

Four weeks later he wrecked the aircraft, nicknamed Floaty McFloatface, in a crash. Mr Whelan and his 15-year-old son Michael escaped unhurt.

But the 42-year-old has not been put off flying and has even kept the propeller as a souvenir of the day he describes as being 'like a Carry On' film.

A report into the accident in March revealed how his plane, a Mercury microlight, had jumped over a block put in front of its wheel to keep it in place, and rolled forward 10 feet.

## Struck

Fearing for the safety of another man at the airfield, off Micklewood Lane, Mr Whelan leapt out of his plane to get the chock without turning off the propellers.

Not being able to see the propellers as they were going at such speed, the former RAF serviceman leant down to get the block from the back of the plane when he was struck across the face by the propeller. He said: "When I did it it took a couple of seconds to realise what had happened. I put my hand to my face, saw the claret coming down, and felt a hole. I fell forward and swore I was going to die."

His partner, 39-year-old Rachel Daker, added: "The first thing he did was phone us as he was holding his



Mr Whelan, with the offending propeller



His injuries, which required 24 stitches



Flying in his microlight aircraft

face together. He spoke to Mikey who phoned me. I didn't realise how bad it was and so I went home first to get some plasters and bandages."

Men working at the airfield rushed to Mr Whelan's aid but it soon became like a scene out of a Carry On film, he says, as an air ambulance despatched to take him to Royal Stoke Hospital had no fuel and the ambulance he was then put in got stuck in mud.

Eventually he made it to the trauma centre at the north Staffordshire hospital and after several hours and more than two dozen stitches he was allowed

home to Pooles Lane. Mr Whelan still bares a scar across his face from the accident five months ago and admits his face still hurts every day.

The newly-published Air Accident Investigation Branch report into the incident on March 26 states Mr Whelan had just 33 hours flying experience before the accident.

But he has dismissed claims he was a 'novice' having served in the RAF for 13 years and being around planes for 20 years.

"It was just a lapse in concentration," he said.

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## County council announces new deputy leader

A NEW deputy leader for Staffordshire County Council has been announced.

Alan White, the authority's cabinet member for health, care and wellbeing, has been selected to replace Ian Parry, who stepped down last month after seven years in the role.

Councillor White, who represents Lichfield Rural East, will continue to lead on health and social care as part of his new role. I came into politics to do what I can to improve the lives of the people I represent," he said.

"I have been extremely fortunate to have worked with like-minded colleagues at the county council, and although the former deputy leader Ian Parry is undoubtedly going to be a tough act to follow, I am delighted colleagues have put their trust in me."

Philip Atkins, leader of the council, said: "During his time on cabinet, Alan has brought great clarity and vision to the hugely complex and challenging area of health and social care and has a great passion to make the lives of Staffordshire people better ones."

# Park life fun for young thanks to £2,000 People Power grant

**A BURNTWOOD project that engages with young people has been awarded a People Power Fund grant to hold events in the local parks.**

Burntwood Town Council's Play in the Parks events aim to reduce anti-social behaviour by encouraging young people to keep active and take part in a range of activities including rounders, painting, football, archery and more.

The events are encouraging children and young people to attend with their families.

Burntwood Town Council was awarded £2,000 to run the Play in the Parks sessions in the parks across Burntwood.

Heather Tranter, chairman of the events committee at the council, said: "The funding that we have received



Matthew Ellis and Heather Tranter with youngsters at Redwood Park

from the Police and Crime Commissioner has helped us to put on eight events during the summer, to keep the children occupied and keep the community together. The funding is helping people from all walks of life who thoroughly enjoy coming to the Play in the Park events, and the best

part is that because of the funding we received, these events are free to everyone."

Police and Crime Commissioner for Staffordshire Matthew Ellis said: "Projects like Play in the Parks are a fantastic way to engage with young people."

### Guidance

The People Power Fund is one part of the PCC's Community Funding for 2017-18.

The Commissioner's Proceeds of Crime Fund is seeing 100 per cent of funding received by Staffordshire Police going back into local communities, through grants of between £3,000 and £15,000. It is made up of money seized from criminals.

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A NEW 24-hour HGV refuelling facility is to be installed at the New Hollies Truckstop on the A5.

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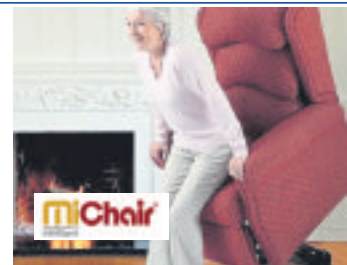
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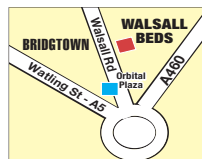
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# Crowds turn out for a 'wonderful' festival



Hednesford Lions' aerial photograph of the Hednesford Festival



Hednesford Town FC drum up support

THE sun came out, as did crowds of people, for this year's Hednesford Festival.

A dog show, live entertainment and maypole workshops were among the fun lined up for the event on Saturday, which ran from midday to 6pm in the park and the town centre.

The Royal Norfolk Regiment Living History Group were a highlight of the day with a reconstruction of a territorial field kitchen set up, experts talking about military kit and equipment and scouts on the lookout for recruits

for the King's Army. Other attractions on the day include an artisan market, tennis tournament, skate park displays, funfair rides and games.

Organised by Hednesford in Partnership, the festival was free fun for all the family. On their Facebook page the Friends of Hednesford Park paid tribute to all those who helped the event be so successful.

They wrote: "Outstanding effort from so many people that made this wonderful event possible."

"A huge thank you to Hednesford In

Partnership for the many long hours spent doing the funding bid and the consultation process to make this successful event possible.

"Thank you to the Lottery for funding the £10,000 and all of our amazing volunteers that have worked tirelessly the past few months to make it possible."

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# Medics put heart into Wolves charity match

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The gold and black veterans showed they had lost none of their skills as they coasted to a convincing 7-3 victory over a team of heart and lungs medical staff from New Cross Hospital.

The game, which formed part of a fun day at the Scholars ground, raised more than £3,000 for the Wolverhampton Coronary Aftercare Support Group. The group pays for medical equipment and research to treat patients from across the Black Country.

## Scored

The gates were open three hours before kick-off as visitors had fun trying out bouncy castles, an assault course, face painting and other activities.

Organisers also laid on a range of food and drink, and a raffle was held, with prizes donated by companies including Pure Gym Hednesford and Porsche Wolverhampton, which helped to bump up the total.

Among the Wolves All Stars were Mel Eves, Colin Taylor, Andy Turner, Micky Holmes, Jackie Gallagher, Tony Dinning, Dale Rudge, Seyi Olofinjana, Neil Edwards, Paul Jones, Simon Osborne and Jon Purdi.

On the Cardiothoracic Theatres team was event organiser Christopher Jukes, an operating department practitioner, who also scored two of his teams three goals.

He said afterwards: "I'm absolutely exhausted but it was a great game and good fun. I'm delighted we managed



All Stars skipper Mel Eves and Cardiothoracic Theatres captain Chris Jukes



Seyi Olofinjana helped to support the Wolverhampton Coronary Aftercare Support Group

to raise so much money, just over half of it before the event and the rest on the day itself.

"We're very grateful to the All Stars who showed they can still kick a ball.

"It was so successful we are hoping to turn it into an annual event."

One piece of equipment the cash will potentially fund is an £80,000 transeo-



Mel Eves rolls back the years to deliver a cross during the charity match at Chasetown Football Club

sophageal echocardiogram machine, known as a TOE, which measures patients' heart valves.

The hospital has two but if all three theatres are in use, the lack of a third holds up surgery.

The Coronary Aftercare Support Group has raised more than £2 million since it was set up in 1985.

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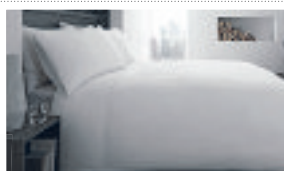
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Unit 5, The Old Mining College, Queen Street, Chasetown – change of use from office to manual physical therapy (chiropractic) consulting room.

Jonghams Cottage, Jonghams Lane, Hamley Heath, Rugeley – conversion of detached garage and adjoining car port to form a three-bedroom dwelling.

Deadline for comments: August 28.

# Hospitals fail to hit waiting target in A&E

**HOSPITALS** in Staffordshire and the Black Country are failing A&E waiting time targets, according to new NHS figures. University of North Midlands NHS Trust, which runs County Hospital in Stafford, saw just over four in five people seen within four hours.

That made it the 14th worst trust in the country. The NHS target is for 95 per cent of patients to be seen within the four hours. Only at The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust, which runs Cannock Chase and New Cross Hospitals, were waiting times close to the national target, with 93.8 per cent.

Gwen Nuttall, chief operating officer at the trust, said: "While we haven't hit the national target we were very close in what was a very busy month. It is testament to the commitment and team work of our staff that we managed to see the vast majority of patients within the required time."

At Walsall Manor Hospital, 82.3 per cent of patients were seen within the target time, 86 per cent at Sandwell and Birmingham NHS Trust, which runs Sandwell General Hospital and City Hospital in Birmingham and 89.1 per cent at Russells Hall Hospital.

### Priority

At University of North Midlands NHS Trust, which runs Royal Stoke University Hospital as well as County Hospital, 80.9 per cent of patients were seen within the set time.

The figures released last week were for July.

Nationally, 90.3 per cent of patients spent four hours or less in A&E.

The last time the target of 95 per cent across the county was achieved was in July 2015.

A spokesman for NHS England said: "Reducing delays for patients awaiting discharge from hospital remains a key priority ahead of winter, and it is positive that NHS-related delays are lower this year than last."



Young readers at Penkridge Library

MORE than 8,000 children from across the county signed up for Staffordshire libraries' Summer Reading Challenge in the first two weeks.

The library service is backing the reading campaign and is asking the county's four to 11-year-olds to borrow and read any six books during the summer holidays.

This year's theme is Animal Agents, based on a detective agency staffed by all kinds of clever animals – furry, scaly and slippery – who are out to crack a case at the library with a little help from their friends.

To take part in the challenge, children need to head to their local library where they will be given a collector folder to keep a record of their reading journey.

As children read their library books over the summer, they collect stickers which will help them crack the clues and help the Animal Agents find out what's really been going on behind the scenes.

The campaign finishes on September 11.

## Alert as car keys stolen

RESIDENTS have been warned that car thieves are looking to target keys because of better security systems fitted to vehicles.

Staffordshire Police have called on people to keep them out of sight and fit trackers to vehicles. PCSO Sian Fryer said: "Car key burglary has increased as high value cars have improved security systems."

## Rejection of caravan pitches is welcomed

THE Caravan and Motorhome Club have rejected a 'ridiculous' proposal to grant five pitches in Cheslyn Hay.

South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson has welcomed the decision as residents were concerned about the green belt, the identity of the village and the increase in traffic.

Action was taken to apply pressure on the organisation to reject the plans for 122 Streets Lane after residents expressed concern. Mr Williamson said: "I am so pleased that the Caravan and Motorhome Club have rejected the ridiculous application to grant five pitches at 122 Streets Lane in Cheslyn Hay. The site would have imposed on our green belt and increased local traffic, whilst disregarding the distinct identity of the village."



## Restaurant in £500 donation to hospital



Quiz master David St John, Professor Anita Macdonald and Dilshad owner Tony Uddin

THE owner of an award winning Indian restaurant in Cannock presented a cheque to a representative of Birmingham Children's Hospital for £517.50 from money raised through its monthly curry and quiz night.

It brings the total the Dilshad, in Cannock Road, Chads-moor, has raised for the hospital to £2742.50 since the first quiz began in April 2015.

Owner Tony Uddin said: "Birmingham Children's Hospital is our chosen charity. It is such a wonderful cause and we have raised thousands for the hospital over the years. We were delighted to hand over the cheque to Professor Anita MacDonald from the hospital and we will continue to raise money for the hospital in the future."

The next curry and quiz night takes place on Monday August 21. Cost is £15 per person which includes popadoms, a starter, main course, rice or naan and dessert to finish. A percentage of the proceeds of the night will go to Birmingham Children's Hospital.

To book a place ring 01543 570264.

# Factory in 100 million milestone celebrations

THE 100 millionth piece of sanitaryware to be made at the historic Armitage Shanks factory is set to roll off the production line this week.

The sanitaryware item is a Sandringham 21 basin. Over the last two centuries, Armitage Shanks has produced millions of items that have adorned UK bathrooms in homes and in public buildings.

The firm's goods can be found in places such as offices, pubs, shops, restaurants, schools, hospitals and even sports stadiums.

Located in Old Road, Armitage, the factory is now the UK's only major remaining sanitaryware manufacturing plant.

Originally opened in 1817, the works and produces more than 1,000 basins alone daily, along with other high-quality bathroom ceramics, including washbasins and bidets, which are sold across the UK and exported globally.

Marketing director Katie Cope said: "Over the last two centuries, Armitage Shanks has become part of the very fabric of life in the UK, and our outstanding, innovative products have been welcomed into businesses, schools, stadiums, charities, homes and

By David Banner

beyond. Armitage Shanks is now the only remaining major scale manufacturer to still produce bathroom ceramic products in the UK.

"Manufacturing as much ceramic product as possible here at Armitage helps to support local employment and allows us to stay true to two centuries of heritage, while also enhancing the skills of our team and the quality of our bathrooms solutions."

"We are delighted to celebrate this historic milestone and with it mark the 100 millionth piece of sanitaryware to be made at the factory."

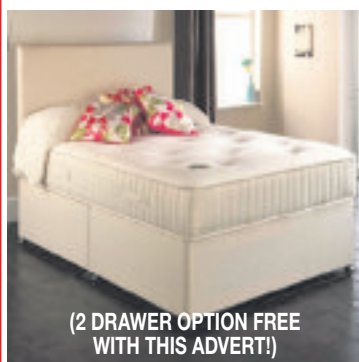
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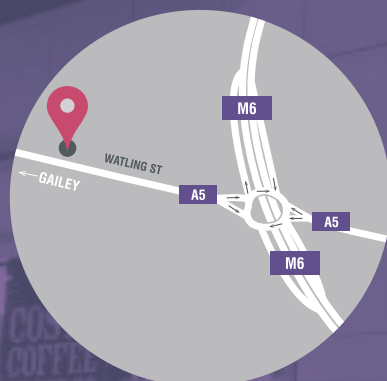
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# 'Fortress' farmers in battle on crime

**RURAL crime cost Staffordshire almost £640,000 in 2016 – down by four per cent from £670,000 in 2015.**

The figures form part of NFU Mutual's annual rural crime report, revealing that despite the UK seeing a four per cent drop last year, the cost of rural theft has risen sharply in the first half of 2017.

Figures for the January-June period show theft claims have risen by more than 20 per cent, raising concerns that a crimewave is hitting the countryside.

The items most commonly targeted by thieves in Staffordshire over the last 12 months were all terrain vehicles (ATVs), quad bikes, 4x4s and tools.

Ed Stubbs, NFU Mutual agent in Stafford, said: "Although the figures for rural crime in Staffordshire are down, countryside criminals continue to become more brazen, and farmers are now having to continually increase security and adopt new ways of protecting their equipment."

"In some parts of the county, farmers are having to turn their farmyards

### By Simon Stone

into fortresses to protect themselves from repeated thieves. They are using tracking devices on tractors, video and infra-red surveillance in their farmyards and even DNA markers to protect sheep from rustlers.

"Our advice to people living and working in the countryside is to regularly evaluate your current security measures, making improvements where necessary, remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the local police and local farm watch schemes."

The report reveals that being 'staked out' is the biggest worry for country people, followed closely by longer police response times in rural areas.

## Whitney fans will Love this tribute



**Belinda Davids – 'I want people to come and remember Whitney when she was at the top of her game'**

WHITNEY Houston fans are in for a treat when a tribute show arrives in Cannock next month.

The Greatest Love of All: The Whitney Houston Show starring Belinda Davids is returning to the UK and Ireland for a second tour after delighting audiences in 2016.

"We got incredible responses from every audience, standing ovations every night, and it's a testament to the quality of the show," director Johnny Van Grinsven said.

South African singer Belinda Davids openly acknowledges that Houston is her personal idol and was the original inspiration for her own career when she turned professional at the age of 14. "I want people to come and remember Whitney when she was at the top of her game and when she was fabulous," she said.

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# Raise Your Glass as Pink heads to



**T**he big decision for headliner Pink won't be what to include in her main stage set at V. It'll be what to leave out.

The seller of around 50 million albums and winner of three Grammys, one Brit, a Daytime Emmy and six MTV Video Music Awards has been working on her upcoming seventh album, Beautiful Trauma, which is out in October.

And when it comes to choosing her set list, she'll have to choose from six albums and 35 singles.

The hit-maker has scored some of the most important singles of the 2000s, including Get The Party Started, Who Knew, So What, Raise Your Glass, Perfect, Try, Just Give Me A Reason and Just Like Fire. She has become increasingly successful throughout her career and her most recent studio album, The Truth About Love, was a number one in the USA, Canada, across Europe and in New Zealand.

It was released five years ago and looked at love, relationships, feminism, sexual prowess and social exclusion. She collaborated with Eminem, Lily Allen and Nate Ruess, from American band Fun.

A huge world tour followed, taking Pink through America, Australia and Europe.

She has since had a second child, a son, Jameson, to go with her daughter, Willow, and enjoyed time at home with her husband, Carey Hart, the professional motocross racer. The singer, described as the most trailblazing artist of her generation, lists Madonna and Janis Joplin as her two biggest heroes and she in turn has inspired Katy Perry, Kesha and Rihanna.

She has also acquired a new hobby, cultivating an organic vineyard in southern California after visiting leading wineries around the world. She describes her passion for wine as her 'dirty little secret' and says she started by taking online courses.

After that, she learned about pruning vines by taking her Beck album, listening to it through earphones and spending days pruning. Pink says she loved the ability to work for eight hours with nature and pruning quickly became her favourite thing.

She developed her 25-acre estate, which includes Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, Malbec, Grenache and Grenache Blanc. Her love of wine, however, has been a long-term thing. When she burst onto the scene at the end of the 1990s, her rider would include a bottle of Châteauneuf-du-Pape.

She told Decanter magazine: "When I made my [first] rider, I was 20 and I just put Châteauneuf-du-Pape on there because that was the wine that made me love wine."

Since then, when she's been travelling the world, she's visited some of the best wineries that there are. She admits she doesn't know too much about English wine – but is hoping to try a little after she headlines V.

Earlier this year, Pink teamed up with Sia to release a new song, Waterfall. They worked with Norwegian songwriters Stargate on the track. Stargate have

Time to think Pink as the US superstar headlines one of the top festivals



previously written hits for Beyonce, Rihanna and Fifth Harmony.

Pink works hard to stay out of the Hollywood bubble and she has been a formidable campaigner for women's rights. On social media and in interviews, she has lashed out at body shamers and lambasted those who are judgemental about women's figures.

At the BMI Pop Awards, she said: "I don't take well to bullying. I never have. I'm not a person that will be bullied. I'm not a person that will stand by watching other people bullied."

"I am a girl, I have feelings and people think I take no sh\*t and I'm tough, tougher than nails, but I'm a human being."

"I think people have gotten it wrong. They think their opinion matters and holds weight and I don't know where or why they're giving themselves so much credit, you know?"

"So I thought it was important for me to remind them that I don't care. My life is full, I like food a lot and I really like to cook, I like to live, I find joy in that and were doing alright in the Hart household."

Pink has been lauded by critics for being that rarest of creatures – a true artist.

While other stars have been criticised for oversinging, being unable to sing or being vocal lightweights, Pink has maintained a brilliant career by being an authentic, powerhouse vocalist. One of the singers on whom she had the greatest impact was Adele,

*People think I take no sh\*t and I'm tough, but I'm a human being*

who saw her as a teenager on the Missundaztood tour, at Brixton Academy. Adele rated it as one of the defining moments of her life and said: "I had never heard, being in the room, someone sing like that live. I remember sort of feeling like I was in a wind tunnel, her voice just hitting me. It was incredible."

## SUPERBOWL

Adele isn't the only one to credit Pink's work as being inspirational – she's also loved by Demi Lovato, Kelly Clarkson, Taylor Swift and more.

Pink has also rushed to the defence of other female stars, including Lady Gaga who was criticised for copying her Superbowl performance by 'flying' through the air.

She took to Instagram using the hashtag #womensupportingwomen to support Lady Gaga and wrote: "Her voice was powerful and beautiful, her outfits were on point, choreography stellar, her heart was in it and she sang about love and inclusiveness, all in front of millions and millions of people."

Pink will be doing something similar this weekend – her fans can't wait.

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The animals - a not-so-subtle clue to the title of the band's biggest hit The Size of a Cow



## Booking in to relive those Wonder years

SOLD out football stadia and number one hits - for a while, The Wonder Stuff became the region's biggest musical export since Slade and Led Zeppelin.

Led by the tousle-haired Miles Hunt, The Eight Legged Groove Machine became Top of the Pops habitués as they escaped their native Stourbridge and took on the world. Hunt, who for 22 years has lived in the Shropshire Hills, wrote instantly accessible songs that resonated with indie kids around the UK.

And though their first two albums were successful - The Eight Legged Groove Machine went to number 18 on the chart while Hup went to number five - it was their latter years, from 1990 to 1994, that brought them their greatest commercial success.

Their third album, Never Loved Elvis, was a number three hit and spawned the top five single Size Of A Cow while the successor, Construction For The Modern Idiot, also hit number four on the chart in 1993. Successful albums weren't the only way of

calibrating their success. The Wonder Stuff also filled Walsall's Bescot Stadium, packing 18,000 'Stuffies' into their local football club.

When they'd finally had enough, they did so in style. As they headlined a sold out Phoenix Festival with actress Anna Friel looking on, there were echoes of a lyric from the song Here Comes Everyone, which featured on Never Loved Elvis.

While The Wonder Stuff's 1990-1994 era coincided with their most successful age, it was also Hunt's unhappiest in the band. "I didn't enjoy any of it," he says.

Two years ago, Hunt chronicled The Wonder Stuff's early years in his book The Wonder Stuff Diaries '86-'89. In August, Hunt will publish the two compendium volumes, the first covering the years '90-'91 and the second covering the band's exit, '92-'94.

In '90-'91, Hunt picks up where he left off. Having lost an original member, Rob 'The Bass Thing' Jones, at the end of 1989 Hunt recalls the subsequent months pondering how the band might recover from such a blow.

Hunt says: "If my first book of diaries represented the ascent of The Wonder Stuff then this book represents the levelling out, the getting used to how things are going to be from here on in."

The latter book marks an era in which the band were enormously successful - but remarkably dysfunctional and unhappy. Hunt doesn't hide his disaffection with the band.

He says: "No matter how many records an artist sells it will never sate the hunger of the business end of the music business. It's a dreary environment for a creative person to find him or herself in and it would've took a much smarter person than I was back in the early 1990's to have got the balance right."

Hunt's life between 1990 and 1994 was utterly extraordinary. Having grown up and been inspired by his uncle, Bill, who was the keyboard player in ELO and Wizzard, he moved to Stourbridge at the age of 18 or 19 and hung out with mates who later formed Pop Will Eat Itself. The rest, as his diaries attest, is history. The diaries, collectively, chart The Wonder Stuff's remarkable rise.

ANDY RICHARDSON

The Wonder Stuff filled Walsall's Bescot Stadium



Miles Hunt at the Literary Festival in Wolverhampton



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## DIGITAL



**Len Goodman's Partners in Rhyme**  
(Channel 4, 9pm)  
New series. The former Strictly Come Dancing judge hosts a lyrical game show, in which two would-be poets battle it out through three rhyme-based challenges in a bid to claim a place in the final round, where they could win a holiday. Each competitor receives help from two celebrity assistants, who are on hand to back-up their assigned contestant in a variety of themed tasks.

**10.00 Breakfast, 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live, 11.30 Nadiya's British Food Adventure, (R) 12.00 Football Focus, 1.00 BBC News; Weather, 1.15 Bargain Hunt, (R) 2.15 Money for Nothing, (R) 3.15 Escape to the Country, (R) 4.00 Final Score, 5.15 Film: Toy Story, (1995) Pixar animated adventure, with the voices of Tom Hanks and Tim Allen.**

**6.30 BBC News**

**6.40 Regional Programme**

**6.45 Len Goodman's Partners in Rhyme** New series. The former Strictly Come Dancing judge hosts a lyrical game show, in two teams of celebrities help a pair of would-be poets battle through four rhyme-based challenges.

**7.20 Pointless Celebrities.** David Coulthard, Mark Webber, Allan McNish, Claire Williams, Murray Walker, Nigel Mansell, Christian Horner and Suzi Perry take part in a Formula One-themed edition of the quiz.

**8.05 Who Dares Wins**

**8.45 Casualty.** Medics from Holby head for France to offer their expertise to migrants stranded at a refugee camp. There, Alicia takes a shine to British medic Cameron Hamilton, who has been on the scene for a while, helping the camp's women and children. Meanwhile, Dylan finds himself beset emotionally involved in the plight of two Sudanese orphans, who have fallen prey to ruthless people-traffickers, and back at the hospital, Connie is shocked to learn Sam has resigned and seems to have disappeared – taking Grace with him.

**9.35 Mrs Brown's Boys.** Agnes ends up at the wrong venue after trying to gatecrash Maria's hen party. She then tries to impress the bride-to-be's mother during a dinner date, but the evening ends in chaos. (R)

**10.05 BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update**

**10.25 Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights from the latest Premier League.

**11.50 People Just Do Nothing.** New series. The spoof documentary going behind the scenes at pirate radio station Kungut FM returns, as a rival station emerges, and Grindah spirals out of control.

**12.20 Film: Tron: Legacy.** (2010) 2.15 Weather for the Week Ahead.

**6.00 Coast. (R) 7.00 Film:** Return of the Bad Men. (1948) **8.30 Film:** Great Day in the Morning. (1956) **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **11.00** Ulster Derby Highlights. **12.20** Nigel and Adam's Farm Kitchen. (R) **1.00** Wanted Down Under. (R) **1.45 Film:** Forbidden Planet. (1956) Sci-fi film by Michael Curtiz. **2.00** Pledge. **3.20** Mastermind. (R) **3.50** University Challenge. (R) **4.20** 101 Only Connect. (R) **4.50** Gardeners' World. (R) **5.50** The Big Family Cooking Showdown. (R)

**6.50 Proms Extra.** Baritone singer Roderick Williams and composer Hannah Kendall join host Katie Derham in the studio. Tonight, she revisits Rachmaninov's Symphony No. 2 minor, which the Scottish Symphony Orchestra performed as part of Prom 37 last Sunday, and the Aurora Orchestra's rendition of Beethoven's Eroica from Prom 41's Passages, by Ravi Shankar and Philip Glass.

Presented by the BBC's *Sinfonia* and Karen Kamensek alongside Shankar's daughter, the sitar virtuosa Anoushka Shankar.

**7.30** **Come to Edinburgh.**

**8.00 Iolo's Great Wetland Parks.** Iolo Williams explores Margam Country Park on the outskirts of Port Talbot, which feature lakes and mature woodland with three species of deer and 11 species of bats.

**8.30 Dad's Army.** Captain Mainwaring defies the whimsical new way of following Hitler's invasion plans – but it results in Pike getting trapped in the middle of a minefield. (R)

**9.00 Film: The Lady in the Van.** (2015) The true story of writer Alan Bennett's friendship with an eccentric homeless woman, whom he befriended in the 1970s before allowing her to park her abandoned Bedford van outside his garden home, where she ended up staying for 15 years. Comedy-drama, starring Maggie Smith.

**10.40 Being Alan Bennett.** Cameras follow the author during key moments of his 75th year, revealing the apparent contradictions in his personality as he terms civic occasions and prepares his new play. (R)

**11.40 Film: The History Boys.** (2006) Comedy drama, with Richard Griffiths.

**1.30 Film:** Henry V. (1989)

**6.00 CITV:** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. **(R)** **6.20** Story. **(R)** **6.30** Signed Stories: Share a Story. **(R)** **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. **(R)** **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. **(R)** **7.00** Outbuds. **(R)** **7.05** Outbuds. **(R)** **7.15** Superhero Mr Bean. **(R)** **7.20** Animated Series. **(R)** **7.40** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. **(R)** **8.00** Thunderbirds Are Go. **(R)** **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Judge Rinder. **(R)** **10.20** Gok's Lunchbox. **(R)** **11.15** 1000 Heartbeats. **(R)** **12.15** ITV News: Weather. **12.25** The Chase. **(R)** **1.25** Joanna Lumley's Postcard from 1.55 Tipping Point. **(R)** **3.30** Midlands Murders. **(R)** **5.00** Little Big Shots USA.

**6.00 Regional Programme:** Weather.

**6.05** **ITV News:** Weather.

**6.20** **You've Been Framed! Bounces Back!** Harry Hill narrates another 60-minute special edition of the comical clip show, applying his unique brand of sily, satirical commentary to a selection of hilarious hi-jinks captured on video by viewers at home. **(R)**

**7.15** **Catchphrase.** Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show, asking three contestants to "catch" a phrase as they try to guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clips. After the first elimination, the two remaining players battle to reach the Super Catchphrase round, where one of them could win £50,000. Last in the series.

**8.00** **Film: The Amazing Spider-Man.** (2012) A gifted teenager discovers the secrets hidden in his dead parents' past, leading him to a mysterious corporation and an incident that imbues him with superhuman powers. A personal tragedy drives him to use his new-found abilities to fight crime, and he is soon drawn into a deadly battle against a former colleague of his father, who has undergone a devastating transformation of his own. Superhero adventure, starring Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone and Rhys Ifans.

**10.35** **ITV News:** Weather.

**10.50** **Film: The World Is Not Enough.** (1999) James Bond is assigned to protect an oil heiress from an infamous terrorist planning to destroy a pipeline. Spy adventure, with Pierce Brosnan, Robert Carlyle and Sophie Marceau.

**1.10** **Jackpot247.** **3.00** **The Hungry Sailors.** **(R)** **3.50** **ITV Nightscene.**

**7.15** Motor Sport: Mini Challenge. **6.45** Triathlon: Long Course Weekend. **7.40** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.55** The Simpsons. (R) **11.25** The Simpsons. (R) **11.55** Restaurant: Kitchen Nightmares. (R) **12.50** Four in a Bed. (R) **1.25** Four in a Bed. (R) **1.55** Four in a Bed. (R) **2.30** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.00** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.35** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **4.35** Big Bang Little House. **5.35** Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It. (R)

**6.30** Channel 4 News.

**7.00** Britain at Low Tide. Last in the series. (R)

**8.00** **Child Games: The Final.** Richard Owsen hosts the final stage of the weekly contest. Once again serving as quizmaster as five of Britain's brightest young minds battle it out to enter the final round, and secure a chance at the title. The first part of the final sees the contestants demonstrating their mastery of a degree-level specialist subject of their choice. The subjects are Edward Jenner, Medical Innovation and Methodology in the late 18th Century, Pre-Socratic Philosophy, Military Campaigns of the Yellow Turban Rebellion – 184–205CE, Martin Luther King Jr. and London in 1666: Society, Politics and the Urban Environment in the Year of the Great Fire. One of the two highest scoring competitors from the specialist round will make it through to the last, head-to-head buzzer contest, which will result in one youngster claiming the title of Child Games 2017. Last in the series.

**9.00** **Film: The Hunger Games: Catching Fire.** (2013) Sci-fi adventure sequel based on the second book in Suzanne Collins' trilogy of novels, starring Jennifer Lawrence, Liam Hemsworth and Donald Sutherland.

**11.50** **Film: X-Men.** (2000) Mutant outsiders with strange powers fight to defend mankind from a superhuman terrorist faction. Sci-fi comic-book adventure, starring Hugh Jackman.

**1.35** The Windyors. (R) **2.05** Hollyoaks. **4.10** The Local. (R) **4.40** The Local. (R) **5.05** Sarah Bernier's Double Your House for Half the Money. (R)

**10.00** Milkshake! **10.10** 25 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.15** Film: Igor. (2008) **12.25** Disobedient Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) **1.20** Bargain-Loving Birds in the Sun. (R) **2.20** Bargain-Loving Birds in the Sun. (R) **3.15** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. (R) **4.15** Nine Turtles, Slum Landlords. (R) **5.10** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R)

**6.05** **The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door.** A Devon woman spends a night in the cells after a dispute with a neighbour who happens to be a policeman, while a York man gets an unexpected soaking after an argument. (R)

**7.00** **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** Paul Bohill and Phil Short must deal with a negligent tenant who files for their arrest, forcing the agents to set a trap in order to evict him. Meanwhile, Brian O'Shaughnessy and Kevin Stokes chase a debt of £5,000 in Kent, before heading to Surrey to recover £11,000 owed by the owner a bespoke furniture business. Plus, Paul and Steve Pitt's patience is tested to the limit while they are sent to carry out an eviction in London. (R)

**8.00** **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** Agents Stewart and Elmore face the most challenging eviction of their careers, while Brian and Del chase £2,000 worth of debt owed by a business based in Kent. (R)

**8.55** **5 News Weekend.**

**9.00** **Football on 5: The Championship** Highlights from the latest games in the Championship, which included Sheffield United v Barnsley, Aston Villa v Norwich City, and Cardiff v Leeds United.

**9.00** **Football on 5: Goal Rush.** Goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two, which included Bradford City v Blackburn Rovers, and Forest Green Rovers v Yeovil Town.

**10.30** **Celebrity Big Brother.** Highlights from Friday, including the contestants' reactions to the eviction, plus more games, gossip and diary room confessions.

**11.30** **Lip Sync Battle UK: Rufus Hound v Jorgie Porter.** (R)

**12.00** Cricket on 5. **1.00** SuperCasino.

**3.10** Gotham. (R) **4.00** The Nightmare Tenants. (R) **4.45** As Seen on TV. **4.55** Great Scientists. (R) **5.25** Nick's Quest. (R)

**7BC Four**

**8.00** The Brain with David Eagleman  
**8.00** Fossil Wonderlands: Nature's Hidden Treasures  
**9.00** Inspector Montalbano  
**10.55** Bob Monkhouse: The Last Stand  
**12.00** The Secret Life of Bob Monkhouse  
**1.25** David Bowie and the Story of Ziggy Stardust  
**3.00** Fossil Wonderlands: Nature's Hidden Treasures  
**3.30** Close

**ITV2**

**1.00** Catchphrase  
**12.25** Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule  
**12.55** You've Been Framed!  
**1.00** You've Been Framed! Goes Wild!  
**2.25 Film:** Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium (Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium) (2007)  
**3.25** FYI Daily  
**3.30 Film:** Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium (Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium) (2007)  
**4.15 Film:** St Trinian's (St Trinian's) (2007)  
**6.10 Film:** Hotel Transylvania (Hotel Transylvania) (2012)  
**7.10** FYI Daily  
**7.15 Film:** Hotel Transylvania (Hotel Transylvania) (2012)  
**8.00** Family's Stupid, Love Is Crazy  
**9.10** FYI Daily  
**9.10 Film:** Crazy, Stupid, Love (Crazy, Stupid, Love) (2011)  
**10.20** Family Guy  
**12.20** American Dad!  
**1.20** The Keith Lemon Sketch Show  
**2.10** Viral Tap  
**2.50** Telethon Shopping  
**5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

**ITV3**

**1.00** The Darling Buds of May  
**2.05** Agatha Christie's Marple  
**4.05 Film:** Carry On Camping (Carry On Camping) (1969)  
**5.05** FYI Daily  
**5.10 Film:** Carry On Camping (Carry On Camping) (1969)  
**5.55** Wycliffe  
**7.00** Agatha Christie's Marple  
**9.00** Family's Stupid, Love Is Crazy  
**11.00** Law & Order: UK  
**1.15** Rising Damp

**ITV4**

**1.00** Cash Cowboys  
**1.00** Storage Wars  
**1.30** ITV Racing: Live from Newbury  
Newmarket and Ripon  
Olive Bell and Francesca Cumani present coverage of today's meetings.  
**4.00** British Touring Car Championship Highlights  
**5.30** Storage Wars  
**6.00** World Series of Darts  
Melbourne  
**10.00** Cycling: Vuelta a Espana  
**11.05** Film: **Blade (1998)**  
**12.05** FYI Daily  
**12.10** Film: **Blade (1998)**

**E4**




**12.15** Rude(s)h Tube Shorts  
**12.30** The Goldbergs  
**3.00** The Big Bang Theory  
**5.30** Don't Tell the Bride  
**6.30** Film: **Beatty Creatures (2013)**  
**9.00** Film: **I Give It A Year (2013)**  
**11.00** Gogglebox  
**1.05** Rude Tube: All Things Werd and Wonderful  
**2.15** Tattoo Fixtures

**Film4**

**1.00** Sunshine on Leith (2013)  
**1.00** Diary of a Wimpy Kid (2010)  
**2.50** Epic (2013)  
**3.55** Carry On Teacher (1959)  
**6.40** The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (2013)  
**8.55** Paty Cakes Interview Special  
**10.40** Attack the Block (2011)  
**12.30** The Windmill Massacre (2016)

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**The State (Channel 4, 9pm)**  
New series. Drama following the experiences of four British men and women who left their lives behind to join Isis in 2015. A man hoping to follow in his brother's footsteps has persuaded his best friend to join him, while a single mother hopes to provide medical aid and a teenager embraces the radical doctrines she has encountered online. The recruits cross into Syria under cover of darkness, where the men begin combat training and the women are introduced to the society's strict rules. Continues tomorrow.

BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** BBC News. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Money for Nothing. (R) **2.15** Songs of Praise. **2.50** Athletics: Birmingham Grand Prix. Live coverage of the ninth round of the Diamond League season. **5.10** Celebrity Mastermind. (R) **5.40** BBC News. **5.55** Regional Programme.  
**6.05** **Countryfile**. Summer special from the Blenheim Estate in Oxfordshire. Ellie Harrison meets an aspiring actress-turned-accidental cow artist. John Craven uncovers one of the house's greatest secrets. Adam Henson brings the farmyard to the showground, and Tom Heap discovers how the estate's forests help the local community.  
**7.05** **Fake or Fortune?** New series. Fiona Bruce and art expert Philip Mould investigate a landscape that may be a lost painting by Constable, and an alternate view of his masterpiece The Hay Wain. The painting is currently owned by a Gloucestershire businessman and seems to have all the hallmarks of Constable's early sketches, as well as clear signs that it depicts the same location as The Hay Wain – but was dismissed as another artist's work 30 years previously. The case proves particularly personal for Philip, who is one of the artwork's previous owners.  
**8.05** **Film: Far from the Madding Crowd.** (2015) Premiere. A headstrong Victorian woman inherits a sheep farm in a remote area of Dorset. She struggles to maintain her independence while being courted by three very different men – a stoic farmer, a dashing, reckless soldier and a lonely older man. Period drama based on Thomas Hardy's novel, starring Carey Mulligan, Matthias Schoenaerts, Tom Sturridge and Michael Sheen.  
**10.00** BBC News.  
**10.20** Regional Programme.  
**10.30** Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action.  
**11.30** **Film: Dream House.** (2011) Horror, starring Daniel Craig, Naomi Watts and Rachel Weisz.  
**12.55** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.00** BBC News.

BBC2

**6.15** The Instant Gardener. (R) **7.00** Garden Rescue. (R) **7.45** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.45** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.15** Countryfile. (R) **10.15** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.45** Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food. (R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** The Hairy Bikers' Pubs That Built Britain. (R) **1.30** Athletics: Birmingham Grand Prix. Live coverage of the ninth round of the Diamond League season. **2.50** Flog It! (R) **3.45** Britain's Ancient Capital: Secrets of Orkney. (R) **4.45** Equestrian.  
**6.50** **Tribes, Predators & Me.** Gordon Buchanan travels to remote regions on three continents to learn how tribal cultures hunt and live alongside dangerous animals, beginning his journey in Ecuador, where he meets a family from the Waorani tribe. They venture into the Amazon Jungle, where the Waorani hunt monkeys and wild pigs using blowpipes and sharpened sticks, and try to trap an anaconda, an animal of great spiritual significance. (R)  
**7.50** **Meet the New Dragons.** An introduction to Dragons' Den's new panelists, Tej Lalvani, CEO of vitamins company Vitabiotics, and Jenny Campbell, founder of ATM provider YourCash Europe Ltd.  
**8.00** **Dragons' Den.** New series. Evan Davis hosts the business ideas challenge, which sees vitamin company CEO Tej Lalvani and cash machine tycoon Jenny Campbell joining returning Dragons Deborah Meaden, Peter Jones and Touker Suleyman to cast an eye over more money-making schemes – with the largest investments in the show's history up for grabs. The first batch of entrepreneurs braving the den present their ideas for an allergy-friendly food range, astroturf for schools and youth centres, and a voucher code website that could revolutionise online shopping.  
**9.00** **Astronauts: Do You Have What It Takes?** New series. A group of 12 people compete against each other through six weeks of astronaut training, with the winner receiving support in pursuing a career with a space agency.  
**10.00** **III Behaviour.** New series. Starring Chris Geere.  
**11.00** **Film: The Hunter.** (2011) Drama, starring Willem Dafoe.  
**12.35** **Film: Tommy.** (1975) **2.10** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R)

ITV

**6.00** CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Sooty. (R) **6.30** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Oddbods. (R) **7.05** Oddbods. (R) **7.15** Super 4. (R) **7.30** Ninjago: Rebooted. (R) **8.00** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Judge Rinder. (R) **10.20** Long Lost Family. (R) **11.20** Love Your Garden. (R) **12.20** ITV News: Weather. **12.25** James Martin's French Adventure. (R) **1.00** Rebound. (R) **1.55** Tipping Point. (R) **2.55** Bear Grylls Survival School. (R) **3.25** **Film:** Licence to Kill. (1989) James Bond spy thriller, starring Timothy Dalton.  
**6.00** Regional Programme; Weather.  
**6.10** **ITV News:** Weather.  
**6.30** **The Chase Celebrity Special.** Bradley Walsh presents as celebrity contestants Jay Rayner, Lucy Porter, Krishnan Guru-Murthy and Steve Davis pit their wits against ruthless quiz genius the Chaser in the hope of winning a potential prize pot worth thousands of pounds. They must work as a team and play strategically to answer general knowledge questions against the clock and race down the game board to the exit without being caught.  
**7.30** **Film: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2.** (2011) The young wizard continues his search for the artefacts containing fragments of the dark lord Voldemort's soul. Time is running out, as the evil sorcerer is aware of Harry's mission, and marshals his forces for a final, devastating attack on Harry and his friends at Hogwarts school. Conclusion of the fantasy saga, with Daniel Radcliffe, Ralph Fiennes, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson and Alan Rickman.  
**10.00** **ITV News:** Weather.  
**10.15** **Judge Rinder's Crime Stories.** Barrister Robert Rinder examines the case of murderer Kenneth Noye, who was the target of an international manhunt after stabbing a man to death on the M25. (R)  
**11.15** **Take Me Out.** (R)  
**12.35** Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

**6.00** Last Man Standing. **6.25** Last Man Standing. **6.50** Last Man Standing. **7.10** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) **1.35** The Simpsons. (R) **2.05** The Simpsons. (R) **2.35** The Simpsons. (R) **3.05** The Simpsons. (R) **3.35** Toy Story Toons. (R) **4.05** **Film:** Toy Story That Time Forgot. (2014) Short animated comedy, with the voices of Tom Hanks and Tim Allen. **4.30** **Film:** Tangled. (2010) Disney animated comedy, with the voice of Mandy Moore.  
**6.30** **Channel 4 News.**  
**7.00** **Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year.** New series. George Clarke presides over the 2017 Shed of the Year competition, beginning with the cabins and summerhouses category. Among the contenders are a mushroom-shaped shed and a pink and turquoise construction inspired by a Los Angeles pool house. This year's contest will feature a new category, for unusual sheds that push the boundaries of construction in ingenious ways.  
**8.00** **From Russia to Iran: Crossing the Wild Frontier.** New series. Levison Wood travels across the Caucasus mountain range, which run for 2600 miles across five countries on the border between Europe and Asia. The expedition begins on Russia's heavily militarised southern border, where he has to avoid the local police. The first leg of the journey takes him through the ruins of ancient civilisations, the notorious former battleground of Chechnya, and the territory of Islamist terrorists.  
**9.00** **The State.** New series. Drama following the experiences of four British men and women who left their lives behind to join Isis in 2015. The recruits cross into Syria under cover of darkness. Continues tomorrow.  
**10.00** **Film: The Gunman.** (2015) After spending years in hiding, a mercenary becomes the latest target of his former colleagues. Crime drama, starring Sean Penn and Idris Elba.  
**12.10** **Film:** Belle. (2013) **2.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. (R) **2.50** Gillette World Sport. **3.20** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **3.50** Location, Location, Location. (R) **4.45** Sarah Beeny's Double Your House for Half the Money. (R)

CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake!: Poppy Cat. **6.10** Little Princess. (R) **6.25** Mr Men. (R) **6.35** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.40** Milkshake! Bopping About. (R) **6.45** Simon. (R) **6.50** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.55** Wiggles. (R) **7.05** Bob the Builder. (R) **7.15** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.25** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.30** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.50** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.20** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.35** Floogals. (R) **8.50** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.25** Digby Dragon. (R) **9.40** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.45** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **10.00** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **10.15** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.40** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **11.30** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **12.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.00** Police Interceptors: Dog Squad Special. (R) **2.00** Police Interceptors: Deadly Pursuits. (R) **3.00** Police Interceptors: Deadly Pursuits 2. (R) **3.55** Police Interceptors: Drugs Bust. (R) **4.55** 5 News Weekend. **5.00** Biggest Dog in the World. (R)  
**6.00** **The Secret Life of Puppies: Terrible Twos.** Part one of two. The return of the documentary following the early stages of dogs' lives. An English bulldog is piling on the pounds and is given a new exercise regimen. (R)  
**6.45** **The Secret Life of Puppies: Terrible Twos.** Part two of two. Big Ron makes big progress with his weight-loss programme, while eight-month-old French Bulldog Betsy turns her hand to doggy modelling. (R)  
**7.30** **The Ant & Dec Story.** Documentary celebrating much-loved duo Anthony McPartlin and Declan Donnelly, who in a career already spanning more than 25 years, have conquered almost every part of the TV schedules, from anarchic children's programmes to some of the biggest shows, including the Queen's recent birthday celebrations. Contributors include friends, fans and some of the celebrities who have fallen foul of the duo's trademark tricks, or actually found fame through their formats. (R)  
**9.00** **Celebrity Big Brother.**  
**10.05** **Before They Were Stars.** Dale Winton treks back through the TV archive to uncover embarrassing early brushes with fame endured by some of today's biggest stars.  
**12.05** Cricket on 5. **1.00** SuperCasino. **3.10** Gotham. (R)

DIGITAL

**BBC Four**  
**7.00** Do We Really Need the Moon? **8.00** BBC Proms 2017 **10.40** The Treasure Hunters **12.40** James May at the Edge of Space **1.10** The Rules of Abstraction with Matthew Collings **2.40** The Art of Australia **3.40** Close  
**ITV2**  
**11.55** Ninja Warrior UK **1.00** Mr Bean **2.05** **Film:** Honey (2003) **3.05** FYI Daily **3.10** **Film:** Honey (2003) **4.00** **Film:** Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2003) **5.00** FYI Daily **5.05** **Film:** Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2003) **5.50** **Film:** Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang (2010) **6.50** FYI Daily **6.55** **Film:** Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang (2010) **8.00** **Film:** The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (2006) **9.00** FYI Daily **9.05** **Film:** The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (2006) **10.05** Family Guy **12.00** American Dad! **12.55** The Cleveland Show **1.50** Viral Tap **2.30** Teleshopping  
**ITV3**  
**11.40** The Darling Buds of May **12.45** Heidi **2.50** Wycliffe **3.55** Foyle's War **6.00** Margery and Gladys **8.00** Midsomer Murders **10.00** Law & Order: UK **12.05** **Film:** Casablanca (1942) **1.05** FYI Daily **1.10** **Film:** Casablanca (1942) **2.05** Margery and Gladys **3.45** May the Best House Win **5.30** ITV3 Nightscreen  
**ITV4**  
**11.30** FYI Daily **11.35** **Film:** Everything or Nothing: The Untold Story of 007 (2012) **12.15** Storage Wars: Texas **1.15** Storage Wars **1.40** The Big Fish Off **2.45** River Monsters **7.00** Cycling: Vuelta a Espana **8.00** World Series of Darts: Melbourne **11.30** **Film:** Life on the Limit (2013) **12.30** FYI Daily **12.35** **Film:** Life on the Limit (2013) **1.35** Quincy ME **2.25** Tommy Cooper **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping  
**E4**  
**11.00** Made in Chelsea: Ibiza **12.00** The Goldbergs **1.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** The Crystal Maze: Celebrity Specials **8.00** **Film:** Shallow Hal (2001) **10.15** Don't Tell the Bride **11.20** Tattoo Fixers on Holiday **12.25** Body Fixers **1.30** Gogglebox **2.30** Rude Tube: Superstars of the Web **3.25** Rude Tube **3.50** Hollyoaks  
**Film4**  
**11.00** Carry On Nurse (1959) **1.00** Antz (1998) **2.40** Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters (2013) **4.45** Multiplicity (1996) **7.00** Patti Cake\$ Interview Special **7.05** Hocus Pocus (1993) **9.00** The Drop (2014) **11.10** Spice (2009) **1.15** Isolation (2005) **3.10** Close

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## FILM CHOICES

### MONDAY

**The Pirates! In an Adventure with Scientists!**, BBC2, 1.30pm  
The bungling leader of a band of inept buccaneers is determined to prove his worth to his rivals and win the coveted Pirate of the Year award. Animated comedy, with the voices of Hugh Grant, Martin Freeman, Imelda Staunton and David Tennant. (2012)

### TUESDAY

**The Odd Life of Timothy Green**, BBC2, 1.45pm  
A couple bury a box containing their wishes for the perfect child they are unable to have. Soon afterwards, a mysterious boy with leaves growing from his feet shows up on their doorstep, claiming to be their son. Fantasy, with Jennifer Garner and Joel Edgerton. (2012)

### WEDNESDAY

**Flushed Away**, BBC2, 1.35pm  
A pampered pet rodent is flushed down a toilet and ends up in a vast underground rat city in the sewers of London. He is befriended by a quick-witted rat who offers to help him find his way home. Animated comedy, with the voices of Hugh Jackman, Kate Winslet, Ian McKellen and Shane Richie. (2006)



Up in the Air, Friday, BBC1, 11.50pm

### THURSDAY

**Cars 2**, BBC2, 1.45pm  
Racing car Lightning McQueen heads overseas to compete in an international grand prix, with events in Britain, Japan and Italy. He gets mixed up in international espionage when a case of mistaken identity leads to an encounter with two English spy cars. Pixar animated adventure sequel, with the voices of Owen Wilson and Michael Caine. (2011)

### FRIDAY

**Up in the Air**, BBC1, 11.50pm  
A corporate downsizing expert loves his life, detached from everyday existence and striving to achieve a personal goal of 10 million accumulated air miles. However, his lifestyle comes under threat by an up-and-coming executive with a revolutionary approach that would make his role all but obsolete. Comedy drama, starring George Clooney, Vera Farmiga, Anna Kendrick and Jason Bateman (2009)

# Rory proves that laughter is the best medicine

If you saw sublime British comedy *Man Up* the other week on BBC Two, you might have been impressed by the frisson between Simon Pegg and Lake Bell's characters. However, doing a lot of the comedic heavy lifting was Rory Kinnear.

He's also been one of the strongest assets in the *Count Arthur Strong* BBC series, and as good as Michael Kitchen's Bill Tanner was in a couple of 007 adventures, after the success of recent James Bond offerings and video games, it's hard to imagine anyone else in the role.

Now Rory returns in the second edition of James Wood's period sitcom *Quacks*, which took a while making the leap from pilot episode to full blown series.

"I did the pilot," explains Rory. "Then it took more than a year before we were all available to get back together, which meant that James had time to work on the scripts and get everything in place. Then we could rehearse a month before we even started filming, which is an unbelievable position to be in."

There have been plenty of medical sitcoms over the years, from the *Doctor on the Go* series in the 1970s to *Surgical Spirit* a decade later. However, setting one in the 19th-century is one of the things that inspired Rory to sign up.

"I quite like doing stuff that I haven't necessarily seen before or feels reasonably distinctive, and James is so meticulous and thorough about his research that it's funny to do," he reveals.

With any period sitcom, there are bound to be comparisons with *Blackadder*, and use the setting as an excuse for slapstick, but Wood has managed to exploit the era itself.

As Rory explains, it was a "period of grim discovery and invention" into techniques that many 21st-century medics will take for granted. "All these people were pioneering new techniques that all of our lives have improved from, but equally there would have been plenty of failures along the way as well."

How does *Quacks* compare to the other projects he's worked on?

"The sets are quite lavish... Obviously having done *Penny Dreadful* for Showtime, that's set in a similar-ish time but a bit later. But in terms of sets and costume that have been created with this level of detail, it feels incredibly detailed and lavish."

In this week's offering, Rory is reunited with *Spectre* co-star Andrew Scott, in the guise of one of Blighty's best loved writers.

When Caroline (Lydia Leonard) lands an invitation to meet her hero, Charles Dickens (Scott), William (Matthew Baynton) finds himself in an awkward position when he exaggerates how much of a fan he is.

Meanwhile, John (Tom Basden) takes an orphan under his wing, and Robert (Kinnear) crosses paths with an uppity young volunteer called Florence Nightingale (Milly Thomas) who starts interfering with his work.

Dr Hendrick (Rupert Everett) is keen to curry favour with the nurse, and her influential family, so Robert has to work out how to get rid of her.



Rory Kinnear, Tom Basden and Matthew Baynton star in *Quacks*, Tuesday, BBC2, 10pm

# BEST OF THE REST

### MONDAY

**Streetsmate**  
Channel 4, 5.30pm

Some readers may remember the 1998 to 2001 show in which Davina McCall played Cupid on the streets of the UK. A sort of *Blind Date* on the hoof, and like that matchmaking series which was revamped recently, *Streetsmate* has also been given a new lease of life. With Ms McCall busy reuniting relatives on *Long Lost Family*, presenting duties are now courtesy of Scarlett Moffatt. Stripped across the week, the new series should help boost little Ms Moffatt's fanbase, and prove an engaging way to ease down after a hard day.

**Jamie's Quick & Easy Food**  
Channel 4, 8pm

New series. Jamie Oliver offers viewers the ultimate set of go-to recipes for quick and easy-to-remember cooking having developed a collection of tasty dishes that each use just five ingredients, producing stress-free meals perfect for busy days and for those people who don't have the time or energy to devote to complicated cooking. On the menu in the first edition are seared scallops with black pudding, mashed potatoes and peas, as well as egg and mango chutney flatbreads, rib-eye steak, and an almond pastry puff.

### TUESDAY

**The Big Family Cooking Showdown**  
BBC2, 8pm

As Zoe Ball and Nadiya Hussain's culinary competition continues, the Karim family from west London go up against the Dawes from Hampshire. Aunt Zakia is queen of the kitchen in the Karim's household, but will her spice mix leave the judges wanting more when they visit the family at home? Ellie Dawes and her scientist boyfriend Sam share a passion for food, but it remains to be seen whether their bold use of ingredients will be a step too far for judges Rosemary Shrager and Giorgio Locatelli.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Love Your Garden**  
ITV, 8pm

It's the last in the current series – and to mark the occasion, Alan Titchmarsh and the team are carrying out not one but two makeovers. They're in Nottingham to meet Marcellus Baz, who had something of a misspent youth, getting involved in gangs and pretty crime. However, the discipline of boxing helped to turn his life around, and now, at the age of

41, he's doing the same for troubled teens at his gym. Marcellus would love to turn the dank outside yard into a garden where the kids can learn to grow and cook healthy fruit and vegetables. But what he doesn't know is that as a thank you for all his hard work, Alan and co are planning to give him a new-look garden at home too.

**THURSDAY**  
**Who Do You Think You Are?**  
BBC1, 8pm

TV presenter Fearnie Cotton traces her family history, paying particular attention to her great grandfather Evan Meredith. Evan had worked down a coal mine from the age of 13 before training as a chemist, but one part of his life he was unwilling to talk about were his experiences in the First World War. Fearnie delves into this period and discovers how he risked his freedom to follow his conscience. Turning to her mother's side of the family, she uncovers an ambitious ancestor.



Who Do You Think You Are?, Thursday, BBC1, 8pm

### FRIDAY

**The Crystal Maze**  
Channel 4, 8pm

New series. Richard Ayoade guides members of the Watson family through the Aztec, Medieval, Industrial and Future zones, inviting 22-year-old captain Catriona, her mother Fiona and three others to tackle a range of skill, mystery, physical and mental challenges to win some all-important crystals. The players need secure as many as possible in order to maximise the amount of time they can spend within the legendary Crystal Dome for their final test.

**Celebrity Big Brother: Live Final**  
Channel 5, 9pm

Fifteen famous faces entered the *Celebrity Big Brother* house 24 days ago, and it wasn't long before some of them began to crack under the pressure. However, the tears and tantrums are almost over for another series as Emma Willis (who will be glad for a break having fronted the regular show over the summer too), whittles the remaining housemates down one by one until the winner is announced. Coleen Nolan defeated Jedward to triumph in the 19th edition of CBB back in January, but who will succeed the singer as the champ tonight and pocket £50,000 for their chosen charity?



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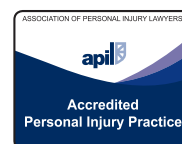
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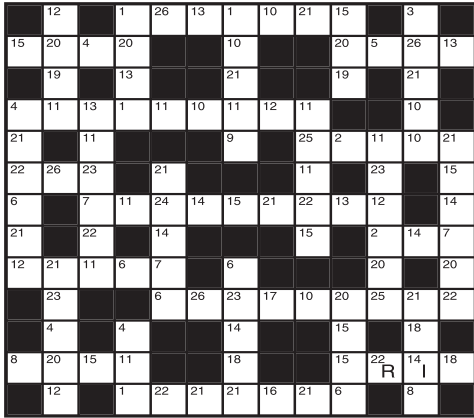


## BRAIN GYM

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## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	Y	2	U	3	D	4	V	5	F	6	N	7	C	8	K	9	L	10	W	11	G	12	Q	13	T
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## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

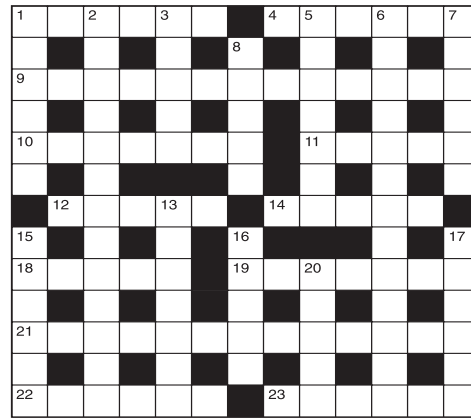
## Cryptic Clues:

## Across

- They're purely symbolic (6)
- Free with money (6)
- Promises, but only donates a single weapon (5,4,4)
- Assemble for a prayer (7)
- Of one's birth in S Africa (5)
- Takes in a form of food (5)
- It's cut from the wedding cake (5)
- All right, a sanctimonious creature (5)
- A political favour? (7)
- The drink to lay one low? (5-3,5)
- Untidy arrangement that would horrify Mrs Grundy! (6)
- Right, put one's pay around making bets (6)

## Down

- What is left (6)
- One has to be uncommonly rich to do so (4,4,1,4)
- Directions to prosecute follow (5)
- The attendant's not responsible for it (7)
- Only a few words but they may carry conviction (5,8)
- Posers seldom resolved (6)
- Complications that naturally go against the grain (5)
- Small article produced by an erratic knitter? (7)
- Call around to watch TV (4,2)
- It has been known to be tickled to death (5)
- Gets engaged when he is in a bit of trouble (6)
- Mince pies having a brown colour (5)



## Quick Clues:

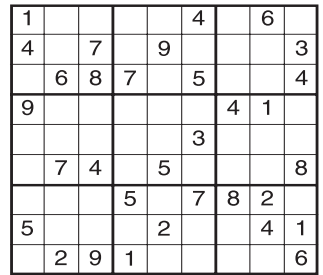
## Across

- Concealed (6)
- Mean (6)
- Unaided (3,4,3,3)
- United States (7)
- Weird (5)
- Jumped (5)
- Postpone (5)
- Garret (5)
- Superintend (7)
- In a somersault (4,4,5)
- Scabbard (6)
- Bomb hole (6)

## Down

- Turkish pipe (6)
- Discriminate (13)
- Boredom (5)
- Not in any place (7)
- Confusion (13)
- Tremble (6)
- Attempt (5)
- Select (4,3)
- Sentiment (6)
- Arbour (5)
- Hot spring (6)
- Anaesthetic (5)

## Sudoku



Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS &gt;

3	8	7	4	6	1	2	5	9
5	6	9	2	3	7	4	1	8
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2	7	1	9	4	3	5	8	6
6	9	5	7	8	2	1	3	4
8	3	4	1	5	6	9	2	7

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:  
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Desk calendar; 7 Fused; 8 Gusto; 9 Run; 10 Treatment; 11 Breaks; 12 Lay off; 15 Turnstile; 17 Ski; 18 Romeo; 19 Earns; 21 Racketeer.  
Down: 1 Distributors; 2 Cos; 3 Ladder; 4 Nightmare; 5 Aisle; 6 Cost of living; 7 Fence; 10 Take stock; 13 Oasis; 14 Direct; 16 Rumba; 20 Rue.  
QUICK - Across: 1 Recollection; 7 Cheat; 8 Spine; 9 Poa; 10 Derringer; 11 Relish; 12 Remiss; 15 Tortoise; 17 Aim; 18 Older; 19 Limit; 21 Celebrations.  
Down: 1 Recupation; 2 Lie; 3 Entire; 4 Tactless; 5 Owing; 6 Refreshments; 7 Crawl; 10 Discourse; 13 Inapt; 14 Ostler; 16 Ridge; 20 Mat.

## Quiz

- What is patchouli?
- What type of bird is a budgerigar?
- Which Clockwork Orange star kills Captain Kirk in Star Trek: Generations?
- To which group of islands do North and South Uist belong?
- Which Italian conductor was appointed music director of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in the 1990s?
- Who was England's last Plantagenet king?
- A marimba is a bass variety of which instrument?
- Which environmental pressure group was founded in the UK in 1969?
- What is the Australian town Coober Pedy famous for mining?
- Who succeeded Peter Taylor as permanent manager of Leicester City?

## Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Europe and Asia; 2 Crustacean; 3 Coronation Street; 4 Norman Mailer; 5 Roger Kemble; 6 Mount Kenya; 7 Tony Blair; 8 Irish; 9 Kobe; 10 John Nash.

Niner: **SUBLIMATE**

## Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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gives a girl's name,  
gives a second girl's name,  
gives a third girl's name.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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Guaranteed Min Future Value	Finance Deposit Allowance	Total Amount Payable	Annual Mileage	Duration of Agreement	Fixed Rate of Interest
£3,604	£1,800 <sup>†</sup>	£11,993.53	5,000 <sup>*</sup>	48 Months	4.12%

<sup>\*</sup>Based on 5000 miles per annum, excess mileage charged at 9p per mile. <sup>†</sup>Fees include £149 arrangement fee payable on first monthly payment and £149 credit arrangement fee payable on final payment. <sup>\*\*</sup>5.4% APR REPRESENTATIVE

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Guaranteed Min Future Value	Finance Deposit Allowance	Total Amount Payable	Annual Mileage	Duration of Agreement	Fixed Rate of Interest
£6,298	£2,000 <sup>†</sup>	£17,949.53	5,000 <sup>*</sup>	48 Months	4.12%

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47 Monthly Payments of	Customer Deposit	Scrappage Allowance	Cash Price	Amount of Credit	Fees
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Guaranteed Min Future Value	Finance Deposit Allowance	Total Amount Payable	Annual Mileage	Duration of Agreement	Fixed Rate of Interest
£4,183	£1,600 <sup>†</sup>	£13,466.53	5,000 <sup>*</sup>	48 Months	4.12%

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£229	£229	£2000 <sup>^</sup>	£17,774.30 <sup>**</sup>	£15,055.30	NIL
Guaranteed Min Future Value	Finance Deposit Allowance	Total Amount Payable	Annual Mileage	Duration of Agreement	Fixed Rate of Interest
£6,049	£2,400 <sup>†</sup>	£19,531	5,000 <sup>*</sup>	48 Months	4.12%

<sup>\*</sup>Based on 5000 miles per annum, excess mileage charged at 9p per mile. <sup>†</sup>4.2% APR REPRESENTATIVE



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# Flavours – fresh out of Thailand

**FRESH** layout, fresh food and a fresh experience – one word to describe our first ever foray into the wonderful world of Thai food . . . fresh.

Having eaten a friend's Thai cuisine efforts – and very good they were too – to say we had never experienced the delicacy would be overstating the fact.

However, just like you can't beat a curry from your favourite curry house, I'm pretty sure it must be the same for Thai food having enjoyed a wonderful meal at Thai Banana Leaf in Kingswinford.

It was a special occasion, my wife's birthday – and it being on Monday – we decided to go for something a bit more relaxed and this Thai restaurant ticked the box. We were playing a bit of risky game, as our two-year-old daughter was with us. Risky because the restaurant didn't take bookings until 6pm, so it was going to be a fairly late finish. But it was a decision that paid off.

## LAYOUT

We were one of two groups eating while we were there – the other being a couple – but the waitress had kindly placed us beside the fish tank, which kept our daughter entertained for ages.

The layout was how you would expect: plenty of neatly-arranged tables, oriental statues and paintings, and of course the fish tank.

We had been told Thai food lives by five fundamental taste senses in each dish – sour, sweet, salty, bitter and spicy – which was like a set of rules sent down from heaven for someone with a palate like mine.

I went for the Fisherman's Soup, a spicy mixed seafood soup with lemongrass, galangal, kaffir lime leaves and mushrooms. Handily, every dish also comes with a 'chilli' chart, which simply meant the more chillis

Packed with the flavour – the sea bass dish



the higher intensity. Kelly went for the deep fried spring roll duck, served with hoi sin sauce. The first thing to mention about that dish was its size. There were four spring rolls when two would probably have sufficed. It was all eaten, but someone with a smaller appetite might want to try something else.

We had asked on arrival about a children's menu and, to be fair, there is the likes of fish fingers on the starter menu which, when ordered with a side order of chips, would make a good alternative.

Annabelle has always been good at experimenting

with food so we decided to give one of the main dishes a go and went for the Pud See Eaw, stir fried rice noodles with broccoli, spring green, bean sprouts and egg.

As she loves broccoli and scrambled egg, we thought it was worth a go, especially as it came with a choice of chicken, which we went for, or pork, beef, duck, prawns or a vegetarian option.

It turned out to be a great decision because she really enjoyed the combination and even gave the spring greens and bean sprouts a go.

Worth a visit – the Thai Banana Leaf



I decided to stick to the fish theme and the seafood pad prik, stir fried seafood with red curry paste, garlic, pepper, spring onion and coriander with oyster sauce served on sizzling plate, caught my eye, while Kelly went for a whole steamed sea bass with ginger and spring onions in soy sauce.

There was so much to choose from too so, if you're not a massive seafood fan, fear not as sizzling platters, chefs specials, set menus, and noodle and rice dishes are also available.

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# Our annual summary

Summer 2017

## Stronger together

**Our three Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) continued to work closely over the last 12 months under a single management team.**

This year has remained challenging for us and the NHS generally. We've faced financial restrictions and increasing demands on health services in general

practice, community care and our hospitals. We've renewed our focus on providing services in the best place for patients and also on what all of us, as patients, can do to take more responsibility for our own health and wellbeing.

During 2016/17 we've been involved in several Staffordshire-wide programmes of work. One of them is the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP). This encourages local leaders of health and social care to work together to meet the needs of local people better within the set budget.

We've also taken on the 'delegated commissioning' of general practice. This includes awarding and monitoring GP

contracts. It was previously done by NHS England. We're working with our practices to make the best use of this opportunity.

This year we'll continue to develop new ways of working in general practice, improving services and bringing care closer to people's homes. We'll work with our GPs to make sure the services we plan and buy continue to focus on local need.

We'll also keep working with our partners and local people to improve health care within the money we have to spend. Our new way of involving local people face to face – see the back page – will ensure that what they say strengthens our plans.

Combining our teams meant large-scale re-organisation. This has made us more efficient. We've introduced a health and well-being charter to support our staff.

At the end of April we said farewell to our former Accountable Officer, Andrew Donald, who retired after nearly 40 years in the NHS. We thank him for his dedicated NHS career and in particular for his work in Staffordshire. We also welcomed Paul Simpson as the Interim Accountable Officer in charge of the running and finances of all three CCGs.



Dr Mo Huda, Chair, Cannock Chase CCG



Dr John James, Chair, South East Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula CCG



Dr Paddy Hannigan, Chair, Stafford and Surrounds CCG



Paul Simpson, Interim Accountable Officer



### Health Challenges:



Long-term conditions



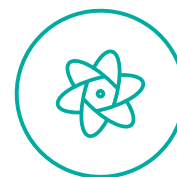
Obesity



Diagnosing cancer earlier



Being better at diagnosing dementia



End-of-life care and choices

### Describing our population:



Older than average:  
**21%** aged over 65



**8%** live in deprivation, which equates to **39,800** residents



**23%** live in areas classed as rural, which is higher than the national average



#### Did you know?

The more antibiotics are used, the less effective they become. **Only use antibiotics for infections.** Antibiotics will be prescribed to you when they are needed.





# Working in partnership

The NHS and local authorities across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent are working together to find ways of improving health and care services using the money we have available. This partnership is known as 'Together We're Better'.

The challenges facing health and social care were outlined in the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) Plan, published in December. The partners have since been working on priorities with health and care staff, Healthwatch, voluntary and community sector organisations, patients and the public. These priorities include prevention and personal responsibility, mental health, primary care services (such as general practice, pharmacy, optometrists and dentists), community services, and urgent and emergency care services.

There are several ways you can get involved. You might want to join one of the Community Reference Groups or help us talk with other local people as an Ambassador. If you would like to know more, or to read the full plan, please go to the website [www.twbstaffsandstoke.org.uk](http://www.twbstaffsandstoke.org.uk)

We've also continued work on the Transforming Care Partnership to improve the lives of people with learning disabilities and autism. The partnership has been working with the community advocacy service, Reach, to talk with people who use our services and their families as well as staff from education, housing and the criminal justice system. The aim is to support people to live independently in a place of their choice.

This year we've been involved in setting up a Staffordshire-wide

Maternity Transformation Programme to act on recommendations in the National Maternity Review (Better Births). The programme was launched with a workshop attended by representatives from across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent, including new mums, leading maternity staff, community support groups and private providers of services.



## Money matters

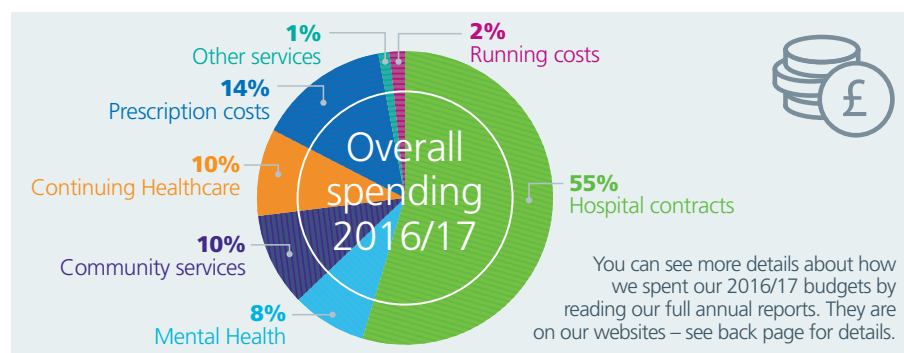
We are given a budget to buy health services for local people – this can be calculated as an average per person. Some people use the services very little, and others use them a lot.

- Cannock Chase CCG: £168 million budget, £1,267 per person
- South East Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula CCG: £259 million budget, £1,190 per person
- Stafford and Surrounds CCG: £173 million budget, £1,178 per person

We buy (or 'commission') some services directly for patients, such as hospital and community services. We also work in partnership with other CCGs as our patients may choose to use a hospital that is within

Staffordshire but is commissioned by another CCG. Specialised services, such as burns and trauma, are organised and commissioned nationally by NHS England.

Since we were formed in 2013, much work has been done to improve the financial situation of local NHS organisations. This year South East Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula CCG achieved their agreed 'control total'. Cannock Chase CCG and Stafford and Surrounds CCG agreed a revised control total with their regulators half way through the year and achieved that. All three CCGs were in deficit (shortfall). That was a deficit of £10m for Cannock Chase CCG, £8m for Stafford and Surrounds CCG, and £5m for South East Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula CCG.



## Right care, first time

Research shows that a quarter of GP appointments – 25 out of every 100 – could be handled better elsewhere.

Patients often find they need a second appointment with a professional more suited to meet their needs. For GPs, this is adding to their pressure of work.

To try to ensure that patients get the right care in the right place at their first appointment, practices are introducing a kind of signposting. Reception staff are being trained to direct patients to the most suitable professional or service by asking a few extra questions when booking an appointment.

This kind of 'signposting' doesn't involve clinical assessment. It aims to offer care or support from a wider

range of healthcare professionals and help patients make informed choices.

For example, for a medication review you may be asked to see a pharmacist at the practice, not a GP. Or, if you have a problem with your eyes, you may be better off going to a local optometrist. Over time, the range of services available through your local GP practice will increase.

So the next time you ring up for a GP appointment, please don't be offended if the receptionist asks you what the problem is. They're not being nosy, they just want to help you see the right people.



### Did you know?

NHS 111 has helped reduce the number of people visiting A&E. Last year, they signposted **20,864 patients** to **alternative services** such as a local pharmacist or dentist. **Over 10,000** of these patients were **offered advice and support** so they could stay at home and manage their symptoms.

## GP practices become dementia friendly

We've been working with GP practices to support and transform the lives of people affected by dementia.

With support from the Alzheimer's Society, several practices have joined the Dementia Action Alliance (DAA). The DAA encourages and supports local communities and organisations to take practical actions to enable people to live well with dementia.

Organisations, businesses and groups sign up as a member of the DAA by taking simple steps to become more dementia friendly. For our practices these have included sessions to help staff understand dementia and its impact, and to raise awareness about the services and support available locally. The sessions also stress the importance of a dementia-friendly environment, for example using clear signage.

Dr Peter Jones, from Claverly and Pattingham Medical Practice, said: "We've undertaken training and become a dementia-friendly practice to establish the commitment of the practice to the care of patients with dementia and raise awareness among patients."

Gill Bowers, Practice Manager at Brewood Medical Practice, said: "We have a GP with a specialist interest in dementia so we're looking at how we could do more to help our patients."

"We've established a Dementia Support Group, which allows people to share experiences and ways to improve care and provide stimulation."

Other practices, including Moss Street Surgery in Chads Moor, Cannock, and Essington Medical Centre, have also achieved Dementia Friendly Practice status.

Kat Horner, DAA Coordinator, said: "By working together, understanding more about dementia and taking often very simple steps we can make it easier for someone living with dementia to continue to be part of their local community."

To contact the Information Worker for support or to find out more about the Dementia Action Alliance, please visit [www.dementiaaction.org.uk](http://www.dementiaaction.org.uk).



## Quality and patient safety



- 1 Last year we held over 50 'quality visits' with our healthcare providers, as well as regularly reviewing the NHS 111 calls.
- 2 We regularly visit and monitor nursing homes, as well as providing support and training to them. We work closely with the local authority on improving quality and safety in the homes.
- 3 We have a specialised team who promote the safeguarding of vulnerable adults and children. They also train GPs and internal staff.
- 4 We have a specialist nurse who helps keep patients safe by promoting good infection, prevention and control practice, which reduces avoidable healthcare-related infections. All three CCGs meet the national requirements on controlling and reducing the spread of the clostridium difficile bacteria.
- 5 A clinical team, reporting to the Governing Bodies, assess all work. They look at the quality of services and patient safety. They also ensure that people have a fair opportunity to have their say.
- 6 We receive various forms of feedback about our providers, such as stories from patients, complaints, compliments and risk issues from staff. We collectively review these and look at common concerns or identify good practice.

## Hub of help for carers



**A new service is offering Staffordshire's 103,000 carers and their families easier access to advice, information and training.**

We worked with Staffordshire County Council and Stoke City Council to launch the Carers Hub to improve the help offered to carers of all ages. It provides a single point of contact to all support services available across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent.

Speaking at the launch of the service, Jane Sutton, mother of inspirational cancer sufferer Stephen Sutton MBE, said: "If you have never had need to access specialist services, and then find yourself in a caring role, you suddenly find yourself in a whole new world and don't know what you're entitled to or where to find the appropriate support and advice."

"Resources such as the Carers Hub will be invaluable in advising people what services are available and signposting them to the appropriate agencies. It's vital too that people know they're not going through difficult circumstances alone."

Carers can access support through the Carers Hub in Madford Retail Park in Stafford and Albion Street, Hanley and at more than 40 community locations, known as spokes, across the county. Support is also available over the telephone, face to face or online via a website and social media. There's also a monthly newsletter for carers.

Services offered by the Carers Hub include information and advice, support groups, activities, training and signposting to other organisations where specialist help is needed. Find out more online:

**[www.thecarershub.co.uk](http://www.thecarershub.co.uk)**  
or call 0330 123 1937.



## Appreciating our staff benefits our patients

**This year we've made a commitment to an organisational development programme. We've brought the three CCGs closer together, which is important during these difficult financial times and in a health system under close public scrutiny.**

After holding staff workshops and getting support from external partners and people with an interest in our organisations, we have:

- a new vision and set of values, developed by staff, partners and members of the public working together
- restructured committees to cover all three CCGs
- introduced 'Achievement of the Month' for a member of staff or team to promote something they have done, and an annual Staff Award ceremony

- introduced a development programme for managers to learn about good management and self-development (pictured: members of staff receiving their certificate).

This year we intend to continue this organisational development programme. We'll look at areas from the staff survey including developing the staff appraisal system, training and flexible working. We're also planning to introduce schemes to improve mental health and health and wellbeing.



Pictured: Emma Bradshaw with her baby Darcie, and Clare King with her baby Beatrice, who attended the Staffordshire-wide Maternity Transformation conference in February 2017.

## Help design your local maternity service



**In February 2016, *Better Births* set out the five-year plan for NHS maternity services in England to become safer and more personalised. This has given us an opportunity to shape the future of maternity and neonatal (new-born) care for years to come.**

It's important that transforming care for women, babies and families is led by local women who use the services.

We're forming a Local Maternity System to ensure the needs of local people are met. This will bring together midwives, doctors, neonatal nurses, managers, women who use the services, local authorities, CCGs, hospitals and other providers of services. This will mean maternity services can be planned and delivered across organisational boundaries rather than being restricted by them.

Your role is vital in making this happen successfully. We're urging you to consider the part you can play in leading and promoting local changes, strengthening services for women, their babies and families.

If you'd like to get involved or find out more, contact Alexandra Birch, Programme Lead for the Staffordshire-wide Maternity Transformation Programme via email: [Alexandra.birch@staffordsurroundscg.nhs.uk](mailto:Alexandra.birch@staffordsurroundscg.nhs.uk) or call 01785 854393.





**Vaccinations protect people from serious illnesses, yet many vulnerable people don't take them up when they're offered.**

That may be because they misunderstand the facts. Some believe, for example, that a flu vaccine can give them flu, but this isn't true.

Every year frail people are struck down with conditions that might have been avoided had they been vaccinated. And every year we pay millions of pounds to our local hospitals to treat them. In addition, this extra demand for care can contribute to the shortage of hospital beds, especially during winter. That can have a bad impact on other patients.

We urge older people and those with long-term conditions, if they are eligible, to ensure they are up to date with vaccinations, particularly against

influenza (flu), pneumococcal infection (pneumonia) and shingles.

Research shows that one case of pneumonia is prevented for every 39 patients suffering chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) vaccinated with the pneumococcal vaccine.

You can help us help you. If you're offered a vaccine, please take it unless there's a good medical reason not to. If you aren't sure whether you should have a vaccine, please ask at your surgery.

More information is available at [www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations](http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations)

## Booking GP appointments and ordering repeat prescriptions

**You can now do these things and more online**



GP online services allow you to access a range of services via your computer or mobile. Once you sign up to the service, you'll be able to:

- book or cancel appointments online with a GP or nurse
- renew or order repeat prescriptions online
- view parts of your GP health record, including information about medication, allergies, vaccinations, previous illnesses and test results.

If your practice offers this service, it is free, secure and easy to use, anywhere and at any time. It's only available to patients who sign up for it.

To register for GP online services, ask your GP practice, or visit the NHS Choices website at [www.nhs.uk/GPonlineservices](http://www.nhs.uk/GPonlineservices)

## Screening saves lives

**Our population data suggests that we're poor at diagnosing cancers early. At the same time we have relatively low take-up rates for screening services for cervical, breast and bowel cancers.**

With modern drugs and surgical techniques, the likelihood of surviving some of these cancers is vastly improved if the disease is diagnosed early.

Treating early stages of cancer is better for patients. It also makes good financial sense.

So we urge you to take up the cancer-screening opportunities offered to you. All our screening campaigns are online on this link: [www.cancerresearchuk.org/health-professional/early-diagnosis-activities/be-clear-on-cancer](http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/health-professional/early-diagnosis-activities/be-clear-on-cancer)



Search 'Be Clear on Cancer'



**Did you know?**  
Last year,

**17,789**

**cancer patients** were seen within the two-week target.

## Get involved

**We're committed to involving patients, carers and members of the public in all areas of work. This is to ensure you are at the centre of how services are planned, delivered and monitored to meet the needs of local people. We also have a legal duty to engage with patients and the public. We try to do this in a range of ways.**



### Join a patient forum

Patient Participation Groups (PPGs) help provide a local perspective, promote health matters, improve communications and influence the development of services. They are managed by GP practices, although not all practices have a PPG. If you'd like to sign up or find out more, please speak to your GP practice.

Our 'face-to-face engagement model' was designed with patients and builds on the existing network of PPGs. A representative from each PPG attends a CCG District Patient Group. The aim is to inform and engage the population in our activities and local health services beyond their GP practice. The District Patient Groups are also open to individuals and organisations outside the PPGs who can represent the views of people from all parts of the local community. The District Patient Groups feed directly into the CCGs' Governing Bodies via our new Commissioning Patient Council. Interested in joining? Please contact us using the details below.



### Become a member of the CCG

We offer a free membership scheme for people wanting to learn more and be involved in specific work. You can also join our mailing list for our quarterly newsletter. Find out more and sign up online via the 'Get Involved' section of our websites or contact us.



### Governing Body meetings

Usually every other month the CCG's Governing Body meets in public – which means you can attend to hear what's happening and ask questions. For more information visit the 'Governing Body' section on our 'About Us' page on our website or use the contact details below.



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## Home full of character has grounds of 7.9 acres

Having character and well equipped accommodation, Ivy House Barn in Slindon, Eccleshall, has equestrian facilities including a stable block with a tack room, manege and grounds including paddocks extending to around 7.9 acres.

It is for sale through Boot & Son at £765,000.

Having oil fired central heating and double glazing, the home also has ornamental gardens and secure off road parking, a double garage, summer house/ gym. Originally converted and virtually re-built in 2002, Ivy House Barn is an excellent three bedroomed characterful well equipped family home together with excellent equestrian facilities.

It occupies a rural position approximately three miles North of Eccleshall and is well located for access to Stafford, Market Drayton, Telford and The Potteries. There is also convenient access points to the M6 Motorway which allows for commuting to the West Midlands and Manchester and Merseyside.

The lounge has a brick feature fire surround.

The kitchen has an extensive exposed beam and raftered ceiling and central truss, laminate flooring to the dining area, ceramic tiled flooring to the kitchen area, a range of kitchen units incorporating base units, peninsular unit, a gas (LPG)/electric range, oven hood/extractor, integrated fridge and freezer and plumbing for an automatic washing machine.

Bedroom one (en-suite) has a range of built-in furniture including wardrobes, a bed recess with bedside cabinets and down lighters over, dresser, built-in cupboards, an exposed beam and raftered ceiling. Bedroom two has a range of built-in wardrobes, exposed beam and raftered ceiling and a high level porthole window with leaded light stained glass motif.

Bedroom three has an exposed beam and raftered ceiling. The bathroom includes a bath and a shower cubicle, a beam and raftered ceiling.

SLINDON £765,000



### TO VIEW THIS PROPERTY

AGENT: Boot & Son

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### KEY FEATURES

Detached barn conversion

3 bedrooms

Equestrian facilities

Paddocks & gardens of 7.9 acres

Parking & secure parking



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## Mid-terraced home on a popular development

CANNOCK

£137,500

A superbly presented two bedroomed mid-terraced home on a modern development within Bridgtown, 12 Hollingworth Mews is for sale through selling agents DB Roberts at £137,500.

Ideally suited for a variety of buyers, the accommodation is well presented throughout.

In brief its accommodation comprises an entrance hall, a kitchen, a guest WC and a lounge/diner to the ground floor with two bedrooms and a bathroom to the first floor.

The property also has an allocated parking space in the communal car park.

For further information, or to book that all important viewing, contact the selling agents, DB Roberts & Partners, at their local branch office on 01543 469966 or visit [www.dbroberts.co.uk](http://www.dbroberts.co.uk)



## Immaculate bungalow is located near town centre

CANNOCK

£280,000

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This immaculately presented three-bedroomed detached bungalow in Stoneyfields Close, Cannock, lies in a much sought after location.

Close to Cannock town centre, Cannock Chase Hospital and public transport links, it is for sale through butters john bee at £280,000.

Its accommodation briefly comprises a modern kitchen/diner, a lounge with a wood burner, three bedrooms, a bathroom and a shower room, a landscaped garden, an impressive carport, store and a garden room.

In more detail the kitchen/diner is fitted with high gloss wall, base and drawer units with a work surface over. It has a double oven, hob and hood, an integrated dishwasher, fridge/freezer and washing machine. The lounge has a cast iron log burner.

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## Four-bedroomed detached home is highly appealing

This highly appealing four-bedroomed detached house in Keys Close, Hednesford, is for sale through Chase Independent at £259,950.

It has a reception hallway with laminate flooring and stairs off, a guest WC with laminate flooring, a family lounge with a feature wooden fireplace with marble inset and hearth housing a gas living flame

HEDNESFORD

£259,950

fire, laminate flooring, a bay window and double doors leading to dining room.

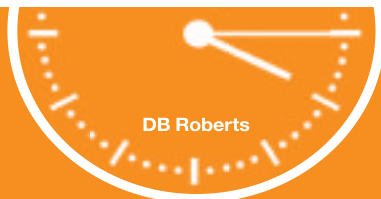
The dining room also has laminate flooring, while the conservatory has

tiled flooring. The re-fitted kitchen includes a gas hob, electric oven, extractor fan, integral slimline dishwasher, part wall tiling, tiled flooring and ceiling spot lighting.

There is also a utility area, bedroom one en-suite, three further bedrooms and a bathroom.

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£190,000

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- Pleasant Cul De Sac Location • Lounge Diner
- No Chain & Must Be Viewed • EPC = E

Dundalk Lane Cheslyn Hay



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- Semi Detached Bungalow • Three Bedrooms
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Clover Meadows Heath Hayes



£235,000

- Detached Family Home • Lounge & Open Plan Kitchen
- Conservatory & Downstairs WC • Four Bedrooms
- Sought After Location • EPC = E

Boston Close Heath Hayes



£149,000

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached House • Kitchen Diner
- Modern Bathroom with Bath & Shower • Utility Area
- Paved Rear Garden for Off Street Parking • EPC = D

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£150,000

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- Garage & Driveway • EPC = F

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£200,000

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- Lounge Diner • Conservatory
- Driveway & Garage • EPC = D

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- Three Reception Rooms • Detached Garage & Driveway
- Rear Garden • EPC = C

New Penkridge Road Cannock



£250,000

- Three Bedroom Detached • Kitchen & Separate Utility
- Integral Garage • Driveway
- Garden To The Rear • EPC = E

Elmwood Close Cannock



£180,000

- Four Bedroom Semi Detached • En Suite To The Master
- Open Plan Kitchen Diner • Lounge
- Cul-de-sac Position • Garage & Driveway

Canterbury Way Heath Hayes



£265,000

- Four Bedroom Detached • Family Bathroom and Guest WC
- Garage and Driveway • En Suite to the Master Bedroom
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- Contemporary styled bathroom
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Garage and driveway
- Viewing highly recommended
- EPC rating C

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- A much improved 3 bedroom house
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, refitted kitchen/diner
- Conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted modern bathroom
- Front and rear gardens
- Garage
- EPC rating C

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- A three bedroom detached
- Large plot of land
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, dining room
- Kitchen, bathroom
- Three bedrooms
- Land to rear, stables
- Awaiting EPC rating

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- A two bedroom property
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, kitchen/diner
- Two bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Gardens front and rear
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- EPC rating C

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- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, kitchen/diner
- Two good sized bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Garden to front
- Corner plot
- Enclosed rear garden
- EPC Rating

**£127,000**

**HEATH HAYES  
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- A spacious four bedroom detached
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen/diner, guest cloakroom
- Master bedroom with en suite
- Three further bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Garden to rear, driveway
- Garage, awaiting EPC rating

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**NORTON CANES  
HEDNESFORD ROAD**



- A traditional 3 bedroom property
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, dining room
- Breakfast kitchen
- Family bathroom
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Open views to front
- Good sized rear garden
- Awaiting EPC rating

**£150,000**

**HEDNESFORD  
ANGLESEY COURT**



- First floor 1 bedroom apartment
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Modern fitted bathroom
- Lounge, Study/Storage
- Garage, Allocated parking
- Good Location
- Intercom Entrance
- Must be Viewed
- EPC rating D

**£110,000**

**HEDNESFORD  
CHURCHILL**



- A three bedroom bungalow
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge/diner
- Shower room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Driveway
- Good sized rear garden
- Awaiting EPC rating

**£159,950**

**HEDNESFORD  
BOND WAY**



- An immaculate one bedroom apartment
- Electric heating
- Double glazing
- Lounge, refitted kitchen
- Bedroom with built in wardrobes
- Refitted shower room
- Communal gardens, off road parking
- Viewing essential
- EPC rating C

**£74,950**

**HEATH HAYES  
CHARLOCK GROVE**



- Three bedroom detached
- Lounge, Conservatory
- Fitted Kitchen
- Fitted Bathroom
- Guest WC
- Garage & Driveway
- Gas central heated
- NO CHAIN
- EPC rating D

**£205,000**

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# PROPERTY



## Five-bedroomed property in one of town's most sought-after streets is now for sale at reduced price

In one of the most sought-after streets in Cannock, this five-bedroomed property in Old Penkridge Road is for sale through Marwood Homes at a now reduced price of £455,000 with no chain.

Including a spacious extended family room and a loft conversion, it has an entrance hallway, an open plan kitchen/dining room, cloakroom/WC and utility room.

The first floor has a large galleried

**CANNOCK  
£455,000**

landing area with four double bedrooms and a family bathroom. The loft conversion consists of bedroom five, a study and a further bathroom.

At the front of the property is a sweeping driveway with a gravelled garden. The landscaped rear garden is not directly overlooked

and has a south/west aspect. This home is situated in one of the most sought after streets in Cannock.

With Shoal Hill Common at the top of the road, leading to Cannock Chase, the house is ideally placed to enjoy the best of both the town centre and an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

For further information, or to book that all important viewing, call 01543 500700 or visit [www.marwoodhomes.com](http://www.marwoodhomes.com)



## Immaculately presented and much extended modern freehold detached house in a secluded location

Occupying one of the most sought after and large plots on a popular and now maturing development, 9 Turnberry Road, Bloxwich is for sale through Marwood Homes at £300,000.

With gas central heating and double glazing its accommodation briefly comprises a porch, an entrance hall with stairs off, a re-fitted guest cloakroom/WC, a breakfast kitchen, three good sized reception rooms, a sun lounge extension, four excellent bedrooms,

**BLOXWICH  
£300,000**

master with built-in furniture and a shower room/en-suite, a re-fitted family bathroom/WC, a single garage with space to extend, ample driveway parking on a generous secluded plot.

This immaculately presented and much extended modern freehold detached house was completed

to good quality specifications by builders Bovis Homes.

Occupying a secluded yet convenient head of cul-de-sac location on the periphery of this now maturing and evergreen residential development, the house forms part of a small enclave with a block paved road approach.

The first floor front windows have views across nearby open farm land, and there is convenient road, rail and other public transport access,





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Old Penkridge Road, Cannock

- Detached Family Home
- Five Bedrooms & Study
- Two Bathrooms
- Open Plan Kitchen / Dining Room
- Living Room & Family Room
- No Upward Chain
- Utility / WC
- Very Desirable Road

£455,000



Bideford Way, Cannock

- Detached house
- Five Bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
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- Large driveway
- Large L-shaped garden
- Popular residential area
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From £189,950



Hednesford Road, Norton Canes

- Detached Three Bedroom House
- Views To The Front Over Field
- No Upward Chain
- Lounge and Dining Room
- Large Block Paved Driveway
- Gas Central Heating System

£179,950



Heath Gap Road, Cannock

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Dining Kitchen
- Extensive Private Rear Garden
- Very Well Presented
- Utility Area
- Seller Found A House To Buy

£176,950



Bath Road, Cannock

- Three Bedrooms
- Corner Plot Position
- Wet Room & Bathroom
- Stunning Modern Kitchen
- Two Reception Rooms
- Landscaped Rear Garden
- Gas Central Heating System
- EPC - D

£160,000



Huntington Terrace Road, Chads Moor

- Detached Three Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Guest WC/Utility
- Large Rear Garden
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- No Chain Involved
- Gas Central Heating
- Very Well Presented

£155,000



Melbourne Road, Heath Hayes

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- No Chain
- Located To Local Amenities
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- Lounge
- Archway To Dining/Sitting Area

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Quarry Close, Cheslyn Hay

- Semi detached house
  - Lounge & Dining room
  - Kitchen with cooker
  - Three bedrooms
  - Driveway & Garage
  - Available now
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The Courtyard, Walsall Wood

- Semi detached property
  - Kitchen with oven & hob
  - Spacious Lounge
  - Three bedrooms
  - Bathroom & en-suite
  - Two parking spaces
- £695pcm Sorry no dss & no pets



Boney Hay Road, Burntwood

- Reception hall
  - Lounge
  - Dining room
  - Fitted Kitchen
  - Three bedrooms
  - Garden
- £695pcm Sorry no dss and No pets





## Four-bed detached on a generous corner plot

**HEDNESFORD**  
£250,000

On a generous corner plot, this four-bedroomed detached residence in Corsican Drive, Hednesford is for sale through Paul Carr at £250,000 with no chain.

Needing to be viewed to be fully appreciated, it lies close to local amenities, shops, schools, bus routes and Cannock Chase.

The property is in attractive modern design and the space available makes it ideal for a family.

The accommodation briefly comprises on the ground floor a welcoming reception hallway, guest WC, lounge with double doors opening into a separate dining room which has doors overlooking the rear garden.

The newly refitted kitchen has a range of units and side access door leading to the rear garden.



To the first floor there are four bedrooms and a fitted bathroom with a shower over the bath.

Outside, the foregarden is lawned with a driveway to the side affording ample off-road parking leading to a double garage.

The rear garden can be accessed via a side gate and has a paved patio area with a raised lawn.

The selling agents are expecting a great deal of interest to be shown in the sale of this home, and therefore viewings are being recommended.

For further information, or to book that all important viewing to see if this is the ideal next home for you, contact the selling agents, Paul Carr, at their local branch office on 01543 686 444 or visit their website [www.paulcarrestateagents.co.uk](http://www.paulcarrestateagents.co.uk)



## Spacious extended home in a popular cul de sac location

**CANNOCK**  
£230,000

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A spacious extended detached family home in Ullswater Place, Cannock, is for sale through Webbs at £230,000.

It is situated in a popular cul de sac location, being close to all local amenities and only a short walk to Cannock Town Centre. Its accommodation briefly comprises of a through entrance hallway, a guest WC, dining room, lounge diner, study area, a refitted kitchen, three double bedrooms and stunning spacious family bathroom.

Externally there is a double garage, gardens and a driveway. Internal inspection and early viewing essential.

The selling agents are expecting a great deal of interest to be shown in the sale of this property.

For further information contact Webbs on 01543 468846 [www.webbsestateagents.co.uk](http://www.webbsestateagents.co.uk)



## Property set in a popular location now on the market

**CANNOCK**  
£144,950

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In a popular location close to amenities, 15 Field Street, Cannock is for sale through Boot & Son at £144,950.

Its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hall, a lounge, a dining kitchen, three bedrooms and a bathroom with a white suite.

It also has gardens, off road parking, gas central heating and double glazing.

In more detail the entrance hall has laminate flooring. The lounge has laminate flooring and a bow window.

The dining kitchen incorporates base units, laminate working surfaces, wall cupboards, plumbing for an automatic washing machine, an electric built-in double oven, an electric hob with a stainless steel splash-back and oven hood over and ceramic tiled flooring. Of the three bedrooms, bedroom two has laminate flooring.

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**Cannock** Stoneyfields Close NEW







What a rare opportunity to find an immaculately presented, three bedroom detached bungalow in a much sought after location. Located close to Cannock Town Centre, Cannock Chase Hospital and public transport routes this property offers a modern kitchen/diner, lounge with wood burner, three bedrooms, a bathroom and shower room, landscaped garden, impressive carport, store and a garden room. Viewing is highly recommended.

3 1 2 EPC D **£280,000**

**Penkridge** Pillaton Close NEW






3 1 1 EPC TBA **£210,000**

**Turnberry Estate** Selsdon Road NEW









Butters John Bee are pleased to be offering for sale this well presented modern semi detached house which is situated on this ever popular residential development. In brief the well appointed accommodation consists of an entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, three bedrooms, family bathroom, block paved driveway, garage and a low maintenance rear garden.

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**Hednesford** Littleworth Road NEW

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Recently refurbished and well presented three bedroom semi detached family home / Spacious lounge and separate dining room / Large utility room

£185,000

**Radnor Rise**  
HEDNESFORD



Three bedroom semi detached house / Quiet cul-de-sac location / Spacious open plan lounge-diner / Useful ground floor shower room / Large private rear garden which is not overlooked

£185,000

**Langtree Close**  
HEATH HAYES



Two bedroom detached bungalow / quiet cul-de-sac / ●●●NO ONWARD CHAIN●●● quiet cul-de-sac / two double bedrooms Detached garage / Good sized rubber mac driveway with parking for

Offers in Excess of £185,000

**Dugdale Close**  
WIMBLEBURY



Well presented three bedroom link detached house / Set on popular residential area / Lounge-diner / Private driveway with parking for up to three vehicles / Private two tier rear garden

Offers in Excess of £170,000

**Levett Grange**  
RUGELEY



Three bedroom end terraced house / Sought after location / Spacious open plan lounge-diner / Modern fitted kitchen, bathroom & guest w/c,

£165,000

**Quinton Avenue**  
GREAT WYRLEY



Three bedroom semi-detached house / Sought after residential area of Great Wyrley / Modern open plan dining kitchen / Spacious lounge / Garage and driveway providing ample parking

£165,000

**Green Heath Road**  
HEDNESFORD



Well presented traditional three bedroom semi detached house / Set on large plot / Undergone refurbishment & features new carpets throughout / Newly fitted bathroom

Offers in Excess of £160,000

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**Harrow Close**  
BRERETON



Three bedroom detached house / Modern fitted kitchen & bathroom / NHBC guarantee with 3-4 years remaining / Tastefully decorated lounge-diner.

Offers in the Region Of £160,000

**Belt Road**  
HEDNESFORD



Superbly maintained & well presented two bedroom semi detached house / Two car driveway / Large private rear garden / Modern fitted kitchen & shower room / Spacious living accommodation

Offers in Excess of £140,000

**Gorsey Lane**  
GREAT WYRLEY



Well presented two bedroom semi detached house / Impressive open plan kitchen diner / Two car driveway / Mature private south facing rear garden / Two double bedrooms / Modern fitted full bathroom

Offers in Excess of £140,000

**Chapel Street**  
HEATH HAYES



Semi detached character property / Large rear garden ideal for entertaining / Modern breakfast kitchen and bathroom / Two double bedrooms with w/c to the master

£140,000

**Anglesey Street**  
HEDNESFORD



Two Bedroom End Terraced House / Stunning Communal Gardens / Exclusive Private Mews Development / Spacious Living & Sleeping Accommodation / Modern Kitchen & Bathroom

£125,000

**Ramillies Crescent**  
GREAT WYRLEY



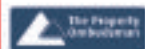
Three bedroom mid terrace house / Spacious lounge / Modern open plan kitchen-diner / Conservatory / Separate garage

Offers in Excess of £125,000

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**Eastgate**  
RAWNSLEY



Two bedroom semi detached house / Set back from the road and situated within a peaceful semi rural location / New fitted family bathroom / Spacious open plan lounge-diner

Offers in Excess of £120,000

**Arden Close**  
RUGELEY



Three bedroom semi-detached house / NO ONWARD CHAIN & VACANT POSSESSION / Spacious lounge and kitchen-diner / Garage and driveway with parking for two-three vehicles

£120,000

**Pye Green Road**  
CANNOCK



Refurbished three bedroom semi detached house / VACANT POSSESSION & NO ONWARD CHAIN / Private rear garden

£120,000

**Hindley View**  
RUGELEY



Unique & Immaculately Presented Two Bedroom First Floor Duplex Apartment / Exclusive Private Development / Finished To A Good Modern Standard / Open Plan Dining Kitchen

Offers in the Region Of £120,000

**Pheasant Way**  
HEATH HAYES



Modern sought after development / Modern fitted kitchen & bathroom / Two double bedrooms / Spacious lounge-diner / Off road allocated parking

£120,000

**Watson Close**  
RUGELEY



Two bedroom semi detached house / Modern fitted kitchen / Spacious lounge / Driveway with parking for two vehicles / Private rear garden

Offers in Excess of £120,000

**Hobby Way**  
HEATH HAYES



Well presented two bedroom ground floor apartment / Modern fitted kitchen, bathroom & en-suite / Two double bedrooms / Off road allocated parking / NO ONWARD CHAIN

£118,000

**Glovers Hill Court**  
BRERETON



Immaculately presented two bedroom top floor apartment / Superb open plan living area / Modern fitted kitchen and bathroom / Off road allocated parking and visitor spaces

Offers in Excess of £110,000

**Keats Avenue**  
CANNOCK



One bedroom bungalow / Large private rear garden / Spacious lounge / Modern fitted shower room / Garage and off road parking

Offers in Excess of £110,000

**Hednesford Road**  
HEATH HAYES



Traditional two bedroom end terrace house / Recently refurbished / Newly fitted kitchen & bathroom / Spacious reception rooms / Good sized bedrooms / NO ONWARD CHAIN

£110,000

**Bank Street**  
HEATH HAYES



Two bedroom end terrace house / Modern fitted kitchen and bathroom / Private rear garden / Two good sized reception rooms

Offers in Excess of £110,000

**Woottons Court**  
CANNOCK



Spacious two bedroom first floor apartment / Renovated & refurbished / Lounge & kitchen / Allocated & visitor parking / Communal gardens / EPC: C

£94,950

**Barnard Way**  
CANNOCK



Two bedroom ground floor maisonette / Exciting investment opportunity / Available with a sitting tenant / Rental income of £500 PCM

£87,500

**Longacres**  
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Well presented one bedroom first floor maisonette / Modern fitted kitchen & bathroom / Off road parking for one vehicle / Garage for storage / Ideal for first time buyers & investors

£85,000

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HEDNESFORD



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**WIMBLEBURY**  
HAYMAKER WAY

- Detached Family Home
- Hall, WC
- Lounge, Kitchen
- En-Suite to Bed 1
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- No Chain
- Stamp Duty Paid
- Carpets, Curtains Included
- Viewing Essential

**\$228,995**

**NEW**

**CANNOCK**  
MOSSWOOD STREET

- Semi Detached
- Large Plot
- Lounge
- Refitted Kitchen
- Utility, WC
- 3 Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Off Road Parking

**\$140,000**

**NEW**

**CHESLYN HAY**  
STATION STREET

- Through Hallway,
- Guest WC,
- Lounge, Dining Room,
- Conservatory,
- Kitchen and Utility Room.
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom.
- Private Driveway,
- Garage
- Landscaped Gardens.

**\$265,000**

**NEW**

**CHURCHBRIDGE**  
WATLING STREET

- Extended Semi
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Guests WC
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Gardens
- Ideal First Time Buy

**\$130,000**

**NEW**

**CHURCHBRIDGE**  
ELLIOTT DRIVE

- Detached Home
- Through Hall, WC
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom, En-Suite
- Driveway, Garage
- Viewing Recommended

**\$240,000**

**NEW**

**CANNOCK**  
WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD

**SSTC**  
**Similar Required**

- Motivated Seller
- Town Centre Location
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Driveway, Garage
- NO CHAIN

**\$139,950**

**NEW**

**HEDNESFORD**  
COPPERKINS ROAD

- Entrance Porch,
- Lounge
- Extended Refitted Kitchen Diner,
- Garage with utility area
- Four Bedrooms
- En-Suite Shower Room,
- Landing with Built in Wardrobe
- Family Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Parking, Garage Driveway.

**\$185,000**

**NEW**

**HUNTINGTON**  
WOODSTOCK DRIVE

- Detached Home
- Hall, WC
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage, Gardens
- NO CHAIN





**\$175,000**

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**NEW**


**CHURCHBRIDGE**  
EARLSWOOD WAY

- First Floor Apartment
- Garden and Parking
- Entrance,
- Lounge
- Modern Kitchen,
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Shower Room

**\$125,000**


**HEDNESFORD**  
CHURCH HILL



- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Motivated Seller
- Spacious
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom

**\$159,995**

**HIXON**  
GRANGE COURT



- Spectacular location
- Three reception rooms
- Kitchen Diner
- Conservatory
- Six Bedrooms
- En-Suite To Master Bedroom

**\$500,000**

**NEW**

**MIDDLEHILL BARN**  
SHARESHILL






- Stunning Barn Conversion
- Views of open fields
- Spacious Kitchen/ Family Room
- Lounge Diner
- Guest W.C., Laundry Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Spacious Four Piece Bathroom
- Garage
- Viewing is essential

**\$345,000**

**REDUCED**

**CANNOCK**  
LOVATT PLACE




- Modern Town House
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- 2 Bedrooms
- 2 Parking Spaces
- Gardens

**\$125,000**

**CANNOCK**  
WESTMINSTER ROAD



- Semi Detached
- Through Hallway,
- Lounge Diner,
- Refitted Kitchen,
- Utility Room,
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Refitted Family

**\$129,950**

**HEATH HAYES**  
SWEETBRIAR WAY




**SSTC**  
**Similar Required**

- Executive Detached
- Lounge
- Dining Room, Study
- P Shaped Conservatory
- Sitting Room
- Kitchen and Utility
- Guest WC
- Four Double Bedroom

**\$340,000**

**NEW**

**CANNOCK**  
KENSINGTON PLACE




- Extended Detached Property ●● three/four bedrooms ●●
- Through Lounge Diner
- Conservatory
- Refitted Kitchen and Utility
- Modern Guest W.C.
- Study/Bedroom Four
- Corner Plot

**\$290,000**

**CHESLYN HAY**  
CHASE AVENUE



- Semi detached Bungalow
- Entrance Hallway,
- Through
- Lounge Diner,
- Conservatory
- Extended Breakfast Kitchen

**OFFERS OVER \$200,000**


**GREAT WYRLEY**  
FAIROAKS DRIVE




- Entrance Porch,
- Hallway,
- Dining Room
- Lounge, Conservatory.
- Three Bedrooms,
- En-suite Shower Room
- Family Bathroom.
- Rear Garden

**\$194,950**

**HUNTINGTON**  
PILLATON DRIVE







- Hallway
- Lounge
- Refitted Kitchen Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway

**offers in excess of \$150,000**

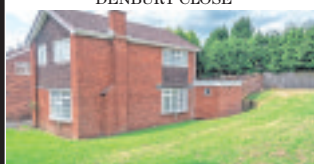
**CANNOCK**  
CHURCH STREET



- Semi Detached House
- Dining Room,
- Guest WC,
- Lounge into Open-Plan Kitchen,
- Two Bedrooms
- Luxury

**\$140,000**

**HEATH HAYES**  
DENBURY CLOSE



- Link Detached House
- Lounge,
- Dining Room
- Sitting Room/Bedroom
- Shower Room
- Kitchen Diner

**\$199,950**

**NEW**

**CHURCHBRIDGE**  
WATLING STREET






- Deceptively Spacious Traditional Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Refitted Kitchen Diner
- Ground Floor Shower Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Refitted Family Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Parking

**OFFERS OVER \$170,000**



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Great Wyrley Office - £399,950



CHESLYN HAY, TUDOR GROVE

- Impressive detached house
  - Popular Cul-de-Sac location
  - Three reception rooms
  - Four Bedrooms
- 4 2 D

Great Wyrley Office - £375,000



BLOXWICH, STONEY LANE

- Impressive detached residence
  - Substantial corner plot
  - Three reception rooms
  - Superb conservatory
- 3 1

Burntwood Office - £310,000



BURNTWOOD, ELDER LANE

- Impressive detached house
  - Kitchen, conservatory
  - Garage, driveway, workshops
  - No upward chain
- 4 2 E

Great Wyrley Office - £250,000



CHESLYN HAY, THE NOOK

- Superb link-detached house
  - Extended accommodation
  - Prime Cul-de-Sac location
  - Garage & parking to rear
- 4 2 D

Burntwood Office - £249,950



BURNTWOOD, SQUIRRELLS

- Individually Built Detached
  - Two Receptions
  - Off Road Parking
  - Viewing Essential
- 3 2 B

Burntwood Office - £235,000



BURNTWOOD, BROWNING ROAD

- Deceptively Spacious
  - Two Receptions
  - Garage & Carport
  - No Upward Chain
- 3 2 E

Great Wyrley Office - £189,950



GREAT WYRLEY, LOVE LANE

- Semi-detached house
  - Sought after village location
  - Good sized rear garden
  - No onward chain
- 3 1

Great Wyrley Office - £169,950



CHESLYN HAY, BERWYN GROVE

- Well presented bungalow
  - Popular Cul-de-Sac location
  - Good sized rear garden
  - No onward chain
- 2 1 D

BURNTWOOD OFFICE - £160,000



BURNTWOOD, LICHFIELD ROAD

- Semi detached residence
  - Lounge, kitchen breakfast room
  - Good size rear garden
  - Off road parking
- 2 1 D

Great Wyrley Office - £154,950



CHESLYN HAY, HAWTHORNE ROAD

- Semi-detached residence
  - Ideal first time purchase
  - Through lounge / dining room
  - No onward chain
- 3 1 D

Burntwood Office - £110,000



HEATH HAYES, BANK STREET

- End Terraced Residence
  - Modern Interiors
  - Two Receptions
  - Ideal for First Time Buyers
- 2 1 D

Burntwood Office - £42,500



CANNOCK, MARGARET DRIVE

- 25% Shared Ownership
  - Semi-Detached Residence
  - Modern Interiors
  - Off Road Parking
- 3 1 B



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- FOUR BEDROOMS
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- LOUNGE
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- DINING ROOM
- GARAGE
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- TWO ENSUITES

Offers in the region of £255,000

**Sheep Fair, Rugeley**

- FREEHOLD FLAT
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- OFF ROAD PARKING
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- SPACIOUS DESIGN
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**The Pippins, off Rugeley**

**Scholars Gate, Burntwood**

- THREE BEDROOMS
- DINING ROOM
- KITCHEN
- LOUNGE
- BATHROOM
- GARAGE
- TWO PARKING SPACES
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- DOUBLE GLAZED
- CONVERTED IN 1992

Asking price £225,000

**Rake End, Rugeley**

- FOUR BEDROOMS
- LOUNGE
- DINING ROOM
- L SHAPED KITCHEN
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- THREE STOREY
- PARTIALLY DOUBLE GLAZED
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING

Offers in the region of £225,000

**St. Michaels Road, Rugeley**

- THREE BEDROOMS
- MUCH IMPROVED
- MODERN KITCHEN
- LOUNGE
- SHOWER ROOM
- GARDENS
- GAS C. HEATING
- DOUBLE GLAZED

Offers in the region of £139,995

**Hood Lane, Rugeley**

- Spacious Design
- The Croft Primary School Catchment Area
- Semi-Rural location
- Garage to Rear
- Conservatory
- Ideal family Home

O.I.T.R.O £175000

**Biddulph Park, Ironstone**

- One Bedroom
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Full Refurb Needed
- Biddulph Park Location

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#### THE COTTAGE, BROADHURST GREEN ROAD, HEDNESFORD



**TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE WITH RANGE OF OUTBUILDINGS AND LAND EXTENDING TO APPROX 2.5 OF AN ACRE**

- ◆ Open plan lounge/ kitchen area
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Landing
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Outside utility room
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Extensive range of outbuildings
- ◆ Occupation subject to being solely or mainly employed in agriculture or forestry industry
- ◆ EPC rating E (47)

**£325,000 FREEHOLD**

#### 232A ECCLESHALL ROAD, STAFFORD

**WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE LOCATED IN POPULAR RESIDENTIAL AREA OF STAFFORD**  
Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre



- ◆ Reception hall and cloakroom
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Open plan fitted dining kitchen
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Ensuite shower room and family bathroom
- ◆ Integral garage and landscaped garden
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Intruder alarm
- ◆ EPC rating B (83)

**£349,950 FREEHOLD**

#### 9 STATION ROAD, PELSALL



**A PRESTIGIOUS DEVELOPMENT OF AN INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED FOUR BEDROOMED HOUSE**  
Conveniently Located For Facilities at Pelsall Village Centre

- ◆ Two reception rooms
- ◆ Luxury fitted kitchen
- ◆ Cloakroom and first floor study
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Family bathroom and 2 ensuite
- ◆ Garage and landscaped gardens
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Intruder alarm
- ◆ EPC rating tbc

**£310,000**

#### 5 WAVENEY GROVE, CANNOCK.



**CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED FIVE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE**  
Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town

- ◆ Vestibule
- ◆ Lounge and dining room
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Rear porch, cloakroom with WC
- ◆ Five bedrooms
- ◆ En-suite shower room and refitted bathroom
- ◆ Integral garage and well stocked gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating tbc

**£385,000 FREEHOLD**

#### 104 HATHERTON ROAD, CANNOCK



**AN EXTENDED WELL EQUIPPED FIVE BEDROOMED FAMILY RESIDENCE**  
Located In Sought After Residential Area Of The Town

- ◆ Enclosed porch & reception hall
- ◆ Guest cloakroom with WC
- ◆ Lounge & dining room
- ◆ Kitchen (Two UPVC double glazed conservatories)
- ◆ Four first floor bedrooms & family bathroom
- ◆ Second floor bedroom & ensuite bathroom
- ◆ Gas central heating & fully double glazed
- ◆ Integral garage (limited width) & large gardens
- ◆ EPC rating D (64)

**£349,950 FREEHOLD**

#### 11 MEADOW CROFT, HUNTINGTON



**CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED END MEWS HOUSE**  
Located In Popular Position Convenient For Access To Facilities and Cannock Chase An Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Refitted breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom and separate toilet
- ◆ Well stocked gardens
- ◆ Integral garage
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating tbc

**£145,000 FREEHOLD**

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#### 21 HILL STREET, HEDNESFORD



**EXTENDED AND IMPROVED FOUR BEDROOMED LINK DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE WITH SECURE SIDE GATED DRIVE/PARKING AREA**  
Located In Popular Residential Area Convenient For Facilities at Hednesford Centre

- ◆ Lounge and dining room
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Cloakroom with WC
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom and separate toilet
- ◆ Garage and secure side gated drive
- ◆ Intruder alarm
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating D (67)

**£209,950 FREEHOLD**

#### IVY HOUSE BARN, SLINDON, ECCLESHALL



**DETACHED THREE BEDROOMED BARN CONVERSION RESIDENCE OFFERING CHARACTERFUL WELL EQUIPPED FAMILY ACCOMMODATION AND EQUESTRIAN FACILITIES INCLUDING STABLE BLOCK WITH TACK ROOM, MENAGE, GARAGE AND SECURE OFF ROAD PARKING TOGETHER WITH ORNAMENTAL GARDENS AND PADDOCKS EXTENDING TO APPROXIMATELY 7.9 ACRES**

- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Fitted dining kitchen
- ◆ Three double bedrooms
- ◆ Ensuite shower room and bathroom
- ◆ Secure off road parking
- ◆ Detached double garage
- ◆ Five stables, tack room and menage
- ◆ Gardens and paddocks extending to 7.9 of an acre approx
- ◆ EPC rating E (45)

**£765,000 FREEHOLD**

#### 126 HATHERTON ROAD, CANNOCK

**THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE IN NEED OF SOME IMPROVEMENT**  
Located In Much Sought After Residential Area of the Town



- ◆ Wet room shower/ cloakroom
- ◆ Two reception rooms
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom and separate toilet
- ◆ Detached garage
- ◆ Well stocked south facing rear garden
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating D (57)

**£275,000 FREEHOLD**

#### BELLA VISTA, COLEY LANE, LITTLE HAYWOOD



**RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED WELL EQUIPPED INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED DETACHED RESIDENCE OFFERING FLEXIBLE 3/4 BEDROOMED ACCOMMODATION**

Occupying Flexible 3/4 Bedroomed Accommodation Occupying Private Gardens In An Elevated Position With Views to Cannock Chase Located On The Edge On This Popular Staffordshire Village

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen/dining/family/ garden room
- ◆ Bedroom 4/study
- ◆ Three first floor bedrooms
- ◆ En-suite shower room and family bathroom
- ◆ Private gardens
- ◆ Detached garage
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating B (86)

**£349,950 FREEHOLD**

#### 'CHADCROFTS', 25 SANDY LANE, CANNOCK



**CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED AND EXTENDED INDIVIDUAL DETACHED HOUSE OFFERING FLEXIBLE 3/4 BEDROOMED ACCOMMODATION**  
Located In Much Sought After Shoal Hill Residential Area of the Town in Secluded Private Drive

- ◆ Vestibule and reception hall
- ◆ Lounge, study and snug
- ◆ Fitted kitchen with breakfast area
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted bathroom and ensuite shower room
- ◆ Well stocked gardens
- ◆ Two garages
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ EPC rating D (59)

**£495,000 FREEHOLD**

#### 208 LONGFORD ROAD, CANNOCK



**CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED EXTENDED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE**  
Located In Much Sought After Residential Area of Cannock Conveniently Located For Facilities

- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Cloaks/shower room
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Open plan refitted dining/family/kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted bathroom
- ◆ Built on garage and gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating tbc

**£285,000 FREEHOLD**

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**FIRST FLOOR FLAT, 34 MARKET STREET, HEDNESFORD**



**ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT**  
Located In Hednesford Town Centre Convenient For Local Facilities And Public Transport

- Entrance lobby
- Hall
- Lounge
- Bedroom
- Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Part double glazed
- Parking to rear
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed

EPC rating: F (21)  
**£350pcm**

**339 LONGFORD ROAD, CANNOCK**



**LET AGREED**

**TWO BEDROOM BUNGALOW**  
Located In Sought After Residential Area

- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Two bedrooms
- Shower room
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Garage
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers

EPC rating: D (61)  
**£625pcm**

**45 NORTON TERRACE, NORTON CANES**



**UNDER APPLICATION**

**DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS WELL PRESENTED ONE BEDROOM MID TOWN HOUSE**  
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Double bedroom
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Off road parking
- Garden to front
- Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers

EPC rating: C (71)  
**£450pcm**

**76 LANGDALE DRIVE, CANNOCK**



**LET AGREED**

**THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOME**  
Conveniently Located For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Lounge/dining area
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Integral garage
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed

EPC rating: C (72)  
**£695pcm**

**40A OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK**



**WELL EQUIPPED SELF CONTAINED ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT**  
Located In Much Sought After Residential Area With Views Of Cannock Park To Rear

- Entrance hall
- Landing
- Open plan Lounge/kitchen
- Double bedroom
- Shower room
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- One car parking space
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers

EPC rating: C (76)  
**£475pcm**

**16 BROMLEY CLOSE, HEDNESFORD**




**UNDER APPLICATION**

**WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE**  
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Refitted en-suite shower room
- All windows double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS

EPC rating: C (71)  
**£650pcm**

**8 RAILWAY STREET, CANNOCK**



**UNDER APPLICATION**

**WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE**  
Originally Built In The Popular Inter War Period Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Lounge
- Dining area
- Refitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS

EPC rating: E (52)  
**£625pcm**

**26 OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK**



**WELL EQUIPPED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE**  
Located In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Verandah
- Cloakroom with WC
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS

EPC rating: tbc  
**£725pcm**

**INGLESIDE, TOP ROAD, ACTON TRUSSELL**



**SPACIOUS WELL EQUIPPED DETACHED RESIDENCE**  
OFFERING FLEXIBLE ACCOMMODATION  
COMPRISING OF THREE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE WITH ADDITIONAL ONE BEDROOM ANNEX  
Located In The Much Sought After Village Of Acton Trussell

- Lounge
- Dining room & garden room
- Breakfast kitchen & utility room
- Three bedrooms
- Family bathroom & guests cloakroom
- Double garage
- Mature well stocked gardens
- Annex with lounge, kitchen & bedroom
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed

EPC rating: E (41)  
**£1350pcm**

**18 KINROSS AVENUE, HEDNESFORD**



**WELL APPOINTED DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW**  
Located In Sought After Residential Area

- Lounge & dining area
- Kitchen
- Master bedroom with dressing area & en-suite
- Three further bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers

EPC rating: D (58)  
**£850pcm**

**6 STAG PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE**



**LET AGREED**

**ATTRACTIVE THREE STOREY BARN CONVERSION**  
Situating On The Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park

- Guests cloakroom
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Oil fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS

EPC rating: C (75)  
**£645pcm (Plus Service Charge)**

**35 GORSEY LANE, CANNOCK**



**CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE**  
Offering Well Equipped Accommodation  
Located In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town

- Sitting room & living room
- Double glazed conservatory
- L-shaped breakfast kitchen
- Utility room/cloaks room
- Four bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- En-suite shower room
- Extensive parking and garage
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS

EPC rating: D (57)  
**£1400pcm**

**17 HIGHFIELD AVENUE, BURNTHOOD**



**THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE**  
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge/dining room
- Dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Side verandah
- Bathroom & separate WC
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Garage
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS

EPC rating: tbc  
**£695pcm**

**4 MARTIN GROVE, HILTON LANE, GREAT WYRLEY**



**SPACIOUS FIVE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE**  
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Cloakroom with WC
- Sitting room & dining room
- Study & family room
- Kitchen & Utility room
- Five bedrooms
- Three en-suite shower rooms
- Family bathroom
- Double garage
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed

EPC rating: C (79)  
**£1350pcm**

**39 TOWER VIEW ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY**



**LET AGREED**

**SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT**

- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Shower room
- Fully double glazed
- Electric heating
- Communal grounds and parking
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS

EPC rating: D (63)  
**£475pcm**

**9A COPPICE CLOSE, CHESLYN HAY**



**SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW**  
Situating At Head Of Cul-De-Sac In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Landscaped gardens
- Carport & extensive off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS

EPC rating: D (64)  
**£775pcm**

**4 RICKYARD PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE**



**LET AGREED**

**TWO BEDROOM BARN CONVERSION**  
Located On The Picturesque Country Estate Of Teddesley Park

- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Landing
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Oil fired central heating
- Enclosed foregarden
- Communal grounds & parking
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS

EPC rating: B (82)  
**£595pcm (Plus Service Charge)**

**10 SPIRES CROFT, SHARESILL**



**LET AGREED**

**CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE**  
Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac In This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Village

- Cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Refitted open plan dining kitchen
- Four bedrooms
- Refitted en-suite shower room
- Refitted family bathroom
- Detached double width garage
- Well stocked mature gardens
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS

EPC rating: D (64)  
**£1300pcm**

**324 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK**



**WELL APPOINTED TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW**  
Conveniently Located For Local Facilities

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Integral garage
- Gas central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- Gardens
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS

EPC rating: tbc  
**£650pcm**

**11 BEECH TREE COURT, BEECH TREE LANE, CANNOCK**



**LET AGREED**

**TWO BEDROOM SECOND FLOOR FLAT**  
Conveniently Located For Local Facilities

- Reception hall
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Allocated parking
- Secure entry system
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS

EPC rating: C (79)  
**£525pcm**

**1C CANNOCK ROAD, BURNTHOOD**



**WELL PRESENTED ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT**  
Convenient For Local Facilities

- Entrance lobby
- Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS

EPC rating: D (67)  
**£450pcm**



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## WOODFORD END, CHADSMOOR

- One Bed Flat
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Heating, DG
- Allocated Parking
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS / PETS

£370 pcm

## WOOTTONS COURT, CANNOCK

- One Bed Flat
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom, DG
- Electric Heating
- Parking
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS / PETS

£425 pcm

## MCGHIE STREET, HEDNESFORD

- One Bed Flat
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom, GCH
- DG, Gardens
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS / PETS

£425 pcm

## CECIL STREET, CANNOCK

- 2 Bed Terraced
- Lounge/Dining room
- Kitchen/Utility
- Garden
- Energy rating E
- NO DSS / PETS

£475 pcm

## CECIL STREET, CHADSMOOR

- Two Bed Mid
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Garden, Parking
- Energy Rating D

£475 pcm

## PARK STREET, BRIDGTOWN

- 2Bed FFF
- Open Plan Lounge/ Kitchen
- Electric Heating/DG
- Off Road Parking
- Communal Gardens
- Energy Rating C
- No DSS/Pets

£500 pcm

## HARPERS COURT, HEATH HAYES

- 2Bed FF Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- GCH/DG
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating C
- Sorry No DSS/

£550 pcm

## CANNOCK ROAD, HEATH HAYES

- 3 Bed Semi
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Ensuite
- GCH, DG
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS / PETS

£725 pcm

## SPARROWHAWK WAY, HEATH HAYES

- 3 Bed Detached
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Guest WC
- GCH/DG
- Energy Rating C
- No DSS/Pets

£750 pcm

## PHEASANT WAY, HEATH HAYES

- Three Bed Mid
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge, G/WC
- En-Suite
- Garage
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS / PETS

£780 pcm

## WORDSWORTH CLOSE, ARMITAGE

- 3 Bed Detached
- 2 Receptions
- Kitchen, GCH
- DG, Bathroom
- Garage
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS / PETS

£800 pcm

## CEMETERY ROAD, CANNOCK

- Three Bed Mid
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen/Utility
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Parking to Rear
- Energy Rating D

£595 pcm

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## THE RIDINGS, CANNOCK

- 3 Bed Semi
- Lounge/diner
- Guest WC
- GCH/DG
- Garage
- Energy Rating C
- No DSS / Pets

£650 pcm

## KIELDER CLOSE HEATH HAYES

- 2 Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- GCH & DG
- Driveway
- Rating E
- NO DSS / PETS

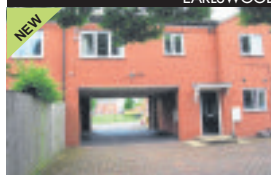
£695 pcm

## PEBBLE MILL DRIVE, CANNOCK

- 4 Bed Detached
- 2 Receptions
- Kitchen
- Bathroom & WC
- GCH DG, Drive
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS / PETS

£800 pcm

## EARLSWOOD WAY, CANNOCK



- A Modern Well Presented Coach House Apartment
- GCH & D/G
- Entrance Hall, Lounge

£95,000



- Modern Kitchen, One Double Bedroom
- Modern Bathroom
- Parking, No Upward Chain

## BADGERS COURT, HEATH HAYES



- A Modern Well Presented First Floor Apartment
- Entrance Hall, Lounge/ Diner
- Modern Kitchen, Two Bedrooms
- Modern Bathroom
- Communal Gardens, Allocated Parking
- NO CHAIN

OIEO £98,000

## HOWELL MEWS, RUGELEY



- Immaculately Presented Apartment
- Security Entrance
- Entrance Hall
- Open-Plan Lounge/ Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- En-Suite & Bathroom
- Communal Gardens
- Allocated Parking

£110,000

## WESTMINSTER ROAD, CANNOCK



- A Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Spacious Lounge/ Diner
- Modern Kitchen, Side Entrance/Utility Area
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Modern Bathroom
- Driveway & Gardens

£129,950

## BROWNHILLS ROAD, NORTON CANES



- A Deceptively Spacious Well Presented Mid Terrace House
- GCH & D/G
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Sun Room
- Three Bedrooms & Wet Room
- Delightful Rear Garden & Driveway
- No Upward Chain

OIRO £135,000

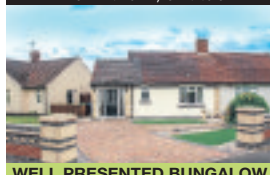
## STEVENS DRIVE, HEDNESFORD



- An Extended Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Lounge, Dining Family Room
- Modern Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility Room, Guest WC
- Two Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens, Driveway
- NO CHAIN

£149,950

## PYE GREEN ROAD, CANNOCK



- Extended and Much Improved Bungalow
- Reception Hall & Family Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen, Utility Area
- Impressive Conservatory
- Two Double Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Driveway & Gardens

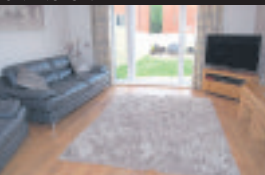
£163,995

## THISTLE DRIVE, HUNTINGTON



- A Beautifully Presented Three Storey Family Home
- Entrance Hall, Guest WC
- Kitchen/Diner, Spacious Lounge

£180,000



- Two First Floor Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Second Floor Master Bedroom with En-Suite

## ASH CLOSE, NORTON CANES



- A Modern Well Presented Detached Family Home
- Entrance Porch, Impressive Kitchen-Diner
- Guest WC, Lounge

£189,950



- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Two Further Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Driveway and Landscaped Gardens

## GREENWOOD PARK, HEDNESFORD



- A Very Well Presented Four Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Extended Kitchen, Guest WC
- Four Bedrooms, Shower Rooms
- Private Tied Rear Garden, Driveway

£175,000

## SHIRE CLOSE, CANNOCK



- A Modern Extremely Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Reception Hall & Family Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen, Utility
- Impressive Kitchen-Diner
- Three Bedrooms

£189,950



- Re-Fitted En-Suite
- Family Bathroom
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Driveway

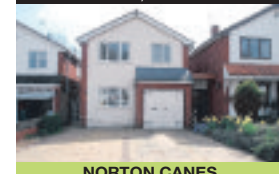
## HILLSIDE CLOSE, HEDNESFORD



- Spacious Semi Detached
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Kitchen & Family Room
- Ground Floor Bedroom/Ensuite Shower
- Four Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Master with Dressing Room/Shed
- Driveway & Rear Garden

£199,995

## CHURCH ROAD, NORTON CANES



- Well Presented Detached Family Home
- Family Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Well Stocked Rear Garden With Open Views
- Driveway & Garage

OIRO £199,950

## MARSHWOOD CLOSE, CANNOCK



- Spacious Two Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Situated on a Good Sized Corner Plot with potential to extend subject to planning
- Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Detached Garage & Driveway
- Front, Side & Rear Gardens
- Modernisation Needed, NO

OIRO £210,000

## MYRTLE GLADE, CHURCHBRIDGE



- An Extremely Well Presented Modern Semi-Detached Family Home
- Entrance Hall, Guest WC, Spacious Lounge

£215,000



- Impressive Kitchen/Diner
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Two Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom
- Driveway, Front & Rear Gardens

## KNIGHTON ROAD, WIMBLEDY



- A Well Presented Link Detached House
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Extended Kitchen, Four Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Family Bathroom
- Garage & Driveway
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Open Aspect to Side & Rear
- No Upward Chain

£215,000

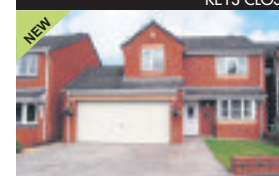
## ST JOHNS CLOSE, CANNOCK



- A Newly Built and Individually Designed Detached Bungalow
- Reception Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen
- Dining Room/Bedroom Two, Two Further Ground Floor Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- First Floor Bedroom, Luxury Bathroom

£240,000

## KEYS CLOSE, HEDNESFORD



- A Modern Well Presented Detached Family Home
- Reception Hallway, Guest WC, Lounge
- Dining Room, Conservatory

£259,950



- Re-Fitted Kitchen, Utility
- Four Bedrooms
- En-Suite, Family Bathroom
- Garage & Driveway



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Major cleaning operation switches fleet to ŠKODA Fabias

By Anthony Martyn

ŠKODA UK has won a sparkling new contract with the domestic cleaning franchise, Molly Maid, to supply an additional 15 Fabia S 1.0 Hatch models to its UK fleet and a further 60 in the next year.

Established 33 years ago, Molly Maid's UK wide cleaning operation utilises 370 cars across its fleet to carry out over 300,000 cleans every year. 30 ŠKODA Fabias have already been added to the fleet with 15 new vehicles currently on order, and plans to increase numbers further by replacing existing Nissan, Toyota and Vauxhall models following the end of vehicle cycles.

The UK's number one domestic cleaning company relies on its vehicles to provide an efficient service to customers and reflect the professional image of the business.

The Fabia's sleek design and award-winning practicality and performance complimented the cleaning firm's requirements perfectly.

The Fabia was chosen thanks to its fantastic value for money, with low p11d value and highly competitive



Jonathan Holden, chief operating officer of Molly Maid

lease cost compared to competitors. Plus, the BIK rate was a desirable factor to keep overall running costs low for drivers. The Fabia also offers a sizeable 330-litre boot (seats up, 1,150 litres with the rear bench folded), which is ideal to carry bulky cleaning equipment.

The resilience, efficiency and coverage of the ŠKODA retailer network was essential to securing the deal. With a high annual turnover of vehicles, the ability to deliver new models quickly to staff nationwide is vital to ensure excellent customer service is maintained.

Jonathan Holden, chief operating officer of Molly Maid, commented on the new deal: "The ŠKODA Fabia fitted the bill completely for us, right down to the fundamentals of cost – not just for the business but our drivers – practicality and overall design."

"Image matters in this arena, and that was a huge consideration, as each car is required to be in the Molly Maid navy blue with our specially designed livery, to act as a roaming billboard for the company."

"We made the move to ŠKODA, as previous manufacturers couldn't offer the same combination of benefits as the Fabia."

"We also need a rapid response from a dealer network to both supply and service vehicles to save on costly downtime and ŠKODA has proven time and time again to deliver on all fronts."

Henry Williams, head of fleet at ŠKODA UK, added: "We are delighted to be working with Molly Maid, they have a huge network of drivers across the UK who mainly drive in towns and cities, therefore the compact Fabia was the ideal choice."

"The five door S model offers a deceptively sizable boot and the vehicle's fuel efficiency and running costs ensure that it is economical for business as well."

"We look forward to building on our relationship with Molly Maid in the coming years."

The ŠKODAFabia is a modern small car available in four trim levels: S, SE, SEL and Monte Carlo with prices starting from just £11,100.

The Fabia utilises the crystalline shape and sharp lines of the ŠKODA design language and incorporates the brand's fundamental values of providing space, comfort and functionality.

# Skoda proves a sweeping success with Molly Maid

**WHAT CAR?**  
**CAR OF THE YEAR 2017**  
Best small car  
ŠKODA Fabia 1.2 TSI 60 SE

**WHAT CAR?**  
**CAR OF THE YEAR 2017**  
Best estate car  
ŠKODA Superb Estate 2.0 TDI 150 SE Tech

**WHAT CAR?**  
**CAR OF THE YEAR 2017**  
Best large SUV  
ŠKODA Kodiaq 2.0 TDI 150 4x4 SE 7x1

**YETI OUTDOOR FROM £17,770**  
OUTDOOR ADVENTURER

**KODIAQ FROM £22,190**  
ALL NEW SUV

TEST DRIVE THE NEW KODIAQ AND GET AN EXTRA £1000 WHEN YOU ORDER - PLUS £2000 TOWARDS YOUR FINANCE DEPOSIT

**RAPID FROM £14,410**  
HATCHBACK AND SPACEBACK

**CITIGO FROM £8,635**  
3 AND 5 DOOR

**FABIA FROM £11,295**  
HATCHBACK AND ESTATE

**FROM 2.9% APR**  
WITH A SOLUTIONS PERSONAL CONTRACT PLAN

**SUPERB FROM £20,050**  
HATCHBACK AND ESTATE

**NEW OCTAVIA FROM £17,195**  
HATCHBACK AND ESTATE

**UP TO £3000**  
CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS YOUR FINANCE DEPOSIT

## DISCOVER AN AWARD WINNING ŠKODA

### ŠKODA DEMO SALE

[16+66 PLATE]  
**OCTAVIA LAURIN & KLEMENT**  
2.0 TDI DIESEL (150PS) DSG AUTOMATIC  
CANDY WHITE, FROM 4,000 MILES

18" Turbine Alloy Wheels • Electrically adjustable driver's seat • Air-Con  
• Bluetooth System • Park Assist (inc Front/rear Parking Sensors)  
• Alcantara sports seats in black leather with silver diamond stitching  
• Amundsen Sat-Nav System • DAB Digital Radio/Canton Sound System

**£9000 SAVING GRAB A BARGAIN NOW!**



**PRICE NEW £27,995**

**AUTOSALES PRICE £18995** **SAVING ON NEW £9000**

**\* £2000**  
MINIMUM P/X ALLOWANCE

**DRIVE AWAY FROM ONLY £16995**  
CASH OR FINANCE

**GRAB A BARGAIN NOW!**



[2016 - 2017 PLATE]  
**OCTAVIA**  
HATCHBACK AND ESTATE

**PRICE FROM ONLY £14995**  
**\* £3000**  
MINIMUM P/X ALLOWANCE

**DRIVE AWAY FROM ONLY £11995**

### MASSIVE SAVINGS

ON 2017(17) PLATE DEMONSTRATORS  
CITIGO TO SUPERB  
INCLUDING THE NEW KODIAQ

#### ŠKODA APPROVED USED CARS

- ONE YEAR FREE FULL ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE
- ONE YEAR MANUFACTURER APPROVED WARRANTY
- MANY CARS LESS THAN 6 MONTHS OLD WITH UNDER 2,000 MILES

**JUST ARRIVED GRAB A BARGAIN NOW!**



[17 PLATE]  
**CITIGO SE**  
1.0 MPI (60PS) 3 DOOR HATCHBACK  
BLACK PEARL METALLIC - ONLY 50 MILES

14" Alloy alloy wheels • Height adjustable driver's seat • Bluetooth System  
• Engine Immobiliser • Stop/Start engine system • Air-Conditioning  
• Speed Sensitive Power Steering • Daytime Running Lights  
• ABS Brakes • Electric Front Windows • Radio/WIPS/Power USB

**AUTOSALES PRICE £8995** **SAVING ON NEW £1160**

**JUST ARRIVED GRAB A BARGAIN NOW!**



[17 PLATE]  
**OCTAVIA SE-L AUTOMATIC**  
1.4 TSI (150PS) 5 DOOR HATCHBACK  
QUARTZ GREY METALLIC, 2,350 MILES

17" Truss Alloy Wheels • Height adjustable front seats • Alarm and Immobiliser  
• Bluetooth System • Armrested Satellite Navigation System • Voice Control  
• Rear Parking Sensors • Electric Front and Rear Windows • DAB Digital Radio  
• Electrically Adjustable and Heated Door Mirrors

**AUTOSALES PRICE £20995** **SAVING ON NEW £2375**

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# Ford leads CV sales in UK with Transit

By Anthony Martyn

Ford maintained its sales leadership through the month of July, and for the first half of the year, heading total vehicle, car and commercial vehicle (CV) sales in the UK.

Highlights of the July sales figures issued today by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) include:

- Ford Transit takes top three spots for CV sales in the UK- Transit Custom (1st), Transit (2nd) and Transit Connect (3rd)

- Ford Focus becomes UK best-selling car, whilst new Ford Fiesta arrives in showrooms

- Ford has four models in the UK Top 20 – Focus (1st), Fiesta (4th), Transit Custom (7th) and Kuga (12th)

- Seven Ford models lead their respective segments; Fiesta, Focus, Transit Courier, Transit Custom, Transit, Transit Connect and the Ranger

As the all-new Ford Fiesta arrives in UK showrooms, the Ford Focus takes the top UK sales spot overall for the month of July, with the Ford Transit taking first, second and third in CV sales.

Andy Barratt, Ford of Britain chairman and managing director, said: "It's been an excellent month for Ford in the UK with not only the Focus becoming the UK's best-seller, but also the Dunton-developed Ford Transit remaining the nation's favourite van range posting all three top spots for CVs sales this month. "It's a really exciting time for Ford in the UK with the new Ford Fiesta starting to arrive in showrooms and seeing its first



Ford Focus was best-seller in the UK for July

registrations. It is our broadest Fiesta range yet, from the luxurious Fiesta Vignale to the Fiesta Active, and we're really proud it has been receiving rave reviews from across the industry's media."

The official figures released by the SMMT today show that industry car sales in July were down 9.3 per cent to 161,997 units, compared with July 2016. Ford car sales were 16,934,

2,840 registrations ahead of its nearest rival. For the year to date (end July) total UK car sales were 1,563,808, down 2.2 per cent compared with the same period in 2016. Ford car sales for this period were 185,250, 61,235 registrations ahead of its nearest rival.

Industry CV sales saw a growth of 1.1 per cent in July to 24,766. Ford again topped the CV UK sales, Ford Transit Custom remained



Ford Transit takes top three spots for CV sales in the UK

best-seller, with Ford Transit 2nd and the Ford Transit Connect 3rd. Ford achieved 8,366 CV sales with 31.9 per cent of the market share- 2.2 per cent above July 2016, and 19.3 per cent share ahead of the nearest rival.

The Ford Focus becomes the UK's best-selling vehicle of the month with 5,251 registrations and 3.2 per cent market share. This comes as the UK's favourite new Ford

Fiesta, with a 3.6 per cent market share year-to-date, starts to hit UK dealerships.

The UK's top 20 best-selling vehicles this month include Focus (1st), Fiesta (4th), Transit Custom (7th) and Kuga (12th), while Fiesta, Focus, Transit Courier, Transit Custom, Transit, Transit Connect and the Ranger all top their respective market segments in July 2017.

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\*\*Offer excludes Ka+ Studio. †Taken from average retail prices of products and services across the range. Free servicing based on Manufacturer's standard recommended service intervals. ^Not transferable to another owner/vehicle. Offers available between 18.08.17 - 21.08.17 inclusive. Subject to status. T&Cs apply. \*Finance subject to status. Guarantees and indemnities may be required. Freeport Ford Credit. Terms and conditions apply, please ask for full details. Vehicles shown for illustration purposes only. This supersedes all previously advertised manufacturer's promotions. Information correct at time of publication E&OE.



# Stonic is eye-catching and confident

**The all-new Kia Stonic is an eye-catching and confident compact crossover, and is set to become an important conquest model for Kia in one of Europe's newest and fastest-growing vehicle segments.**

The B-SUV segment currently accounts for 1.1 million new car sales in Europe each year – around seven per cent of the market – and is forecast to expand to more than two million annual sales by 2020.

Michael Cole, chief operating officer of Kia Motors Europe, said: "The Kia Stonic will be one of the most compelling new cars in this rapidly-expanding class, backed by Kia's unique warranty, and the brand's reputation for reliability, quality and contemporary design. As the segment expands, the Stonic looks set to become one of our best-selling cars."

"By volume, the B-SUV market is expected to overtake the C-SUV segment by 2020, when more than one in ten new cars sold in Europe will be from the Stonic's segment. The B-SUV segment attracts buyers from across the spectrum, with 21 per cent of all customers upsizing from a supermini, and another 15 per cent downsizing from their family hatchbacks. Cars like the Stonic also appeal to those looking to replace their compact MPVs."

The design of the car is one of the brand's most striking to date, yet it is immediately recognisable as a Kia thanks to key signature design elements, such as the 'tiger-nose' grille. Designed in Europe, in collaboration with Kia's Korean design studio, the body blends sharp horizontal feature lines with softer sculpted surfaces. Individuality is important to many customers in the B-SUV segment, and the Stonic's 'Targa'-style roof

enables buyers to choose a two-tone paint finish, inspired by the design of the 2013 Kia Provo concept. It will be available in Europe with up to 20 two-tone colour combinations, with a choice of up to five distinctive colours for the roof.

A range of lightweight, downsized, turbocharged petrol and diesel engines are available, each paired with a manual transmission, maximising driver engagement and efficiency. Buyers have the choice of Kia's lightweight 1.0-litre T-GDI (turbocharged gasoline direct injection) engine, producing 120 ps, as well as 1.25- or 1.4-litre naturally-aspirated MPI (multi-point injection) petrol engines. An efficient 1.6-litre diesel engine completes the range, offering the lowest emissions in the line-up.

The car's European-tuned steering and suspension are designed to offer an exciting drive, with immediate handling responses and a stable ride. The car is fitted as standard with Electronic Stability Control (ESC) and Vehicle Stability Management (VSM), ensuring the front-wheel drive Stonic remains enjoyable and confidence-inspiring to drive in all conditions. Specific functions of VSM include Torque Vectoring by Braking, Straight Line Stability, and Cornering Brake Control.

The Stonic's European-designed cabin places technology and ergonomics at its heart, offering buyers as much potential for individuality as the exterior with a range of vivid colour packs for buyers to choose from. One of the smartest cars in its class, it provides owners infotainment technologies designed to enhance safety, comfort and convenience. The car gets Apple CarPlay™ and Android Auto™ as standard, bringing seamless smartphone functionality to the



The new car from Kia will have the company's unique seven-year, 100,000 mile warranty

touchscreen infotainment system. Like other Kia models, it is available with a broad range of technologies to enhance comfort and convenience, including heated front seats, cruise control and keyless entry.

Within its compact exterior dimensions, the Stonic's smart packaging maximises interior space for all occupants. The car offers class-leading shoulder room and generous leg- and head-room, while the versatile 352-litre boot has a two-step boot floor.

The car is built on a strong, safe and lightweight platform and bodyshell, with advanced high strength steel accounting for 51 per cent of materials used. The body ensures driving confidence, passenger comfort and refinement in all conditions. Buyers can choose from a selection of Kia's DRIVE WISE Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) to further enhance active safety. These technologies include Autonomous Emergency Braking with

pedestrian recognition and Forward Collision Alert; Blind Spot Detection with Rear Cross Traffic Alert; and Lane Departure Warning System. Backed by a new fusion camera system, Stonic offers High Beam Assist and Driver Attention Warning to further satisfy the safety needs of customers.

Backed by Kia's quality promise, the car will be sold as standard with the company's unique seven-year, 100,000 mile warranty. It goes on sale across Europe later this year.

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Commenting on the results, Louise O'Sullivan, head

of Dacia UK, said: "We're delighted that Dacia has been rated as one of the most reliable car brands in the Which? Car Guide 2017. The results are yet another nod to the reliability of our models. The simple Dacia range offers great value for money motoring and the most affordable cars in their respective segments."

The owner rating is the latest in a number of accolades that Dacia has received in the UK since launching just over four years ago including What Car?'s 'Best Small Car under £12,000' for five consecutive years for the Sandero.

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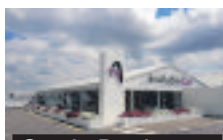
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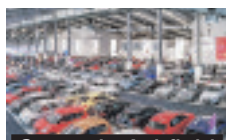
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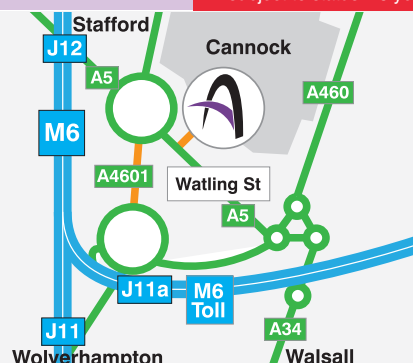


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## MOTORING

# So impressive and not just for its speed

By Ian Donaldson

**If you don't think a mere 155mph is quite quick enough in your new Audi RS 3 you can go faster still – at a price.**

Hand over a princely £1,600 and someone on the production line in Audi's new sporting cars factory in Germany will unlock its whole 174mph potential.

That simple electronic upgrade costs £1,600 but does buy bragging rights in the pub. You'd be mad to approach the limit, even on a derestricted stretch of dry, traffic free autobahn, of course.

On a streaming wet British blacktop with too many lorries in the way, something approaching half the theoretical maximum was asking for trouble (and a felt collar, probably).

So the new and ultra fast Audi needed to impress in other ways on its test drive. For instance, the way this latest version of the company's smallest RS range puts its 400 horsepower down on the road, wet or dry.

That output makes it the world's most powerful five-cylinder engine, its 2,480cc capacity boosted by a turbocharger and kept reliable, light and revvy with expensive tech like a magnesium sump, aluminium crankcase, plasma coated cylinders and a crankshaft that's hollowed out to save weight.

All pricey things to do on a car destined to sell in thousands around the world – and expected to top the 1,298 examples of the

old car sold in the UK last year.

Part of the anticipated volume hike comes from the availability of an RS 3 Saloon for the first time. Partnering the RS 3 Sportback five-door hatch, it costs £45,250 against the hatch's £44,300 but despite the £950 extra it's expected to take 40 per cent of sales. It must be because it looks even cooler than the hatch and especially potent in £550 worth of Daytona grey pearl effect paint with big titanium coloured 19in alloys adding another £695.

It won't be because the saloon is the more practical people mover. Its luggage capacity can't match the hatch, with 315 litres of boot space (770 with the rear seat folded) against the 335 and vastly greater 1,175 litres of the hatchback.

Either shaped RS 3 will hit 62mph in a mere 4.1 seconds, helped by the traction that comes with quattro all-wheel drive. It is always pushing power to both ends of the car but an electronic brain can adjust the mix in microseconds if one axle starts to lose grip. On the drenched roads of the test drive this ability counted for much more than that 174mph flat out figure.

This feeling of planted security even under power was nicely enhanced by a ride that while sporting (the RS 3 is an inch lower than other A3 derivatives) is never jarring, especially when left to decide how firm to be.

A twist and push of a control knob between the front seats can



Audi's thorough detailing on this very fast car extends past gently massaged front and rear tracks

turn things hard, but you'd want a race track (or German autobahn surface) to benefit much from that.

This new RS 3 costs a chunky £3,505 more than the last one but you get more kit for your money, to soften the blow.

There's more power, for starters, up 33 horses and better acceleration as a result, shaving 0.2 seconds from the 0-62mph time (now 4.3 seconds). The time to 124mph is down from 15.8 seconds to 14.3 seconds, which is quicker than a Ford Ka+ takes to reach 62mph...

Official fuel consumption is actually worse than before, at 34.0mpg (versus 34.9mpg) although the 31.6mpg achieved on the wet-roaded test drive may be more realistic. Either figure is

unlikely to trouble someone hell bent on RS 3 ownership.

Proud owners won't care much either about a CO2 figure of 188g/km that means an £800 road tax hit the first year and a BIK of 36 per cent if the car is run on the business's books.

Much more important will be the way the gears slip through in the seven-speed automatic gearbox. Click round to sport setting and the change become even more eager; add £1,000 worth of sports exhaust system and the five-cylinder throb from the engine could turn addictive.

You don't pay extra on the new RS 3 for Audi's virtual cockpit display that turns the instrument panel into a wide television screen that can display the (standard fit)

satellite navigation in clear view. Also standard are front sports seats (although, being Audi, lots of buyers will find £795 for an even sportier look to park themselves on), along with LED headlights and those rear indicators that pulse out a line of orange and will impress following drivers no end.

Audi's thorough detailing on this very fast car extends past gently massaged front and rear tracks sitting under widened wheel arches at the front, to bigger brakes, dual branch exhaust and discreet RS body bits, leading on special bumpers and high gloss black for the radiator grille.

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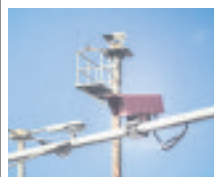
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Date: 17 August 2017

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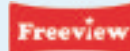
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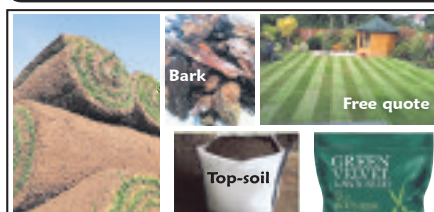
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## Wolves old boy in £18m Hornets move

FORMER Wolves player Andre Gray has become the most expensive Black Country footballer in history in an £18 million deal from Burnley to Premiership rivals Watford.

Wednesfield-born Gray, 26, scored nine times in the Premier League last year. Formerly on the youth books at Wolves, he was released by the club at the age of 13.

Gray becomes the most expensive footballer from the area, more than double the £8.5 million paid for Stan Collymore by Liverpool.

The striker was knifed in a gang fight over Christmas in 2011. In 2001/2 Gray was suspended for four matches and fined £25,000 over homophobic Tweets he had posted.

Gray, who progressed through Shrewsbury's youth system, joined Luton in 2012 and made more than 100 appearances before moving on for an undisclosed fee in 2014 to Brentford, for whom he scored 20 goals in 52 games. He had a loan spell at Telford in 2009-10.

## Golfers tee up chance to play at The Belfry

GOLFERS from The Chase and Penn clubs have teed up a round at the Ryder Cup course The Belfry for the national final of the American Golf 9 Hole Individual Championship.

Home golfer Paul Elsey held off Laurence Horan by a point in the regional qualifying held at Penn Golf Club.

They now join qualifiers from all over the UK and Ireland in front of Sky Sports' cameras for the grand final on September 7 and 8. They are both also in contention for the Tournament of Champions in Mauritius.

"Our 9 Hole Championship is hugely popular," said Daniel Gathercole, director of marketing and communication at American Golf. "It gives golfers the chance to play championship golf after work and still be home at a reasonable time."

"Golf has struggled to find a place in people's busy lives over recent years so we're delighted that events such as the 9 Hole Championship have proved so popular."

## Hawks take flight for national T20 final

C&R Hawks are gearing up for the biggest game in their short history after reaching the finals day of the ECB National T20 tournament.

The Birmingham League Division Two outfit beat Essex League side Wanstead and Snaresbrook at Walsall CC's Gorway ground to reach the showpiece final at Derby's 3aaa ground, home to Derbyshire County Cricket Club. Highlights of the September 11 clash will be broadcast on Sky Sports.

Skipper Mubeen Rashid said: "This is already the furthest any Birmingham League club has ever got in the competition and that is something we are very proud of."

Hawks only formed in 2014 by the merger of Hawkins Sports and Cannock and Rugeley. But they have some serious talent in their ranks, including Omar Ali, the younger brother of England star Moeen. Kabir Ali, Moeen's cousin, played 14 one-day internationals himself between 2003 and 2006 and though now aged 36 has proved a threat with both bat and ball as Hawks battled their way into the later stages of the tournament.



Barry first played for Villa in 1998 and made 441 appearances



Gareth Barry gets involved with Chelsea's Diego Costa

# Every game counts as Barry closes on record

**MAY 2, 1998 – an otherwise insignificant date but for the fact that this was the day a certain Gareth Barry made his Premier League debut.**

Few could have ever envisaged that, almost two decades later, that fresh-faced youngster who had arrived from the south coast would be on his way to setting the all-time Premier League appearance record.

Barry's move to Villa Park from Brighton, when he was just 16, was controversial enough.

He arrived with Michael Standing – a fellow midfielder who played zero first-team minutes in four years before leaving for Bradford.

Barry's debut against Sheffield Wednesday, however, was glimpse of things to come.

On that day he featured alongside current England boss Gareth Southgate and the late Ugo Ehiogu in a defensive trio under then boss John Gregory.

There were little doubts over his level of talent and a decade later, in 2008, he was a proud captain at Villa Park.

### Chalked

An adopted Brummie, Barry was the key cog in Martin O'Neill's eye-catching outfit which pushed the 'established' top four so hard in the mid-noughties.

Barry had chalked up 441 appearances in claret and blue before he moved north to Manchester City, claiming a "new challenge" was required. Within a few years he was an FA Cup winner and Premier League champion.

But the most prized of all could be yet to come.

For that Villa status is one thing, and winners medals are another, but Barry, now 36, is not far from etching himself into English top flight history.

Now with Everton (but coveted by Tony Pulis at Albion), Barry has another year on his deal at Goodison Park and is set for a huge individual milestone.

Ryan Giggs' Premier League appearance record stands at 632. Barry is just four behind on 628.

"I do like stats. I'd be lying if I was saying I don't look out for them," said the former Villa skipper.

"That record's been spoken about more the closer

## SPORTING FEATURE

By Lewis Cox

***"If I don't play any more Premier League games I'd be immensely proud of how what I've achieved."***

I get now. Obviously it's not the same now being 36 as when you are 26 but in terms of being able to do a job I'm still feeling really strong and still enjoying it.

"Enjoying it is more important than anything and at the minute I've got a great manager that understands my age and what I can and can't do."

"If I don't play any more Premier League games I'd be immensely proud of how many I've done and what I've achieved."

"If I do break it then my name's on top of the pile and my parents will probably be extra proud. We'll see what happens."

Barry, who is now based in Cheshire, has recently been made a patron of Shropshire's Ellesmere College's football academy, where his son Oscar attends.

And there remains a sparkle in his eye when discussing Villa. He points to the length of time spent at Villa Park and at Bodymoor Heath, where he developed from a boy into a man – from spindly academy hopeful to worshipped first-team skipper.

"I look out for Villa's results all of the time," he added. "The majority of my friends are from Birmingham, supporting either Villa or Blues. There are so many memories at Villa for me."

"Because I've been gone so long people forget how many games I did actually play – it's a time I'll never forget, they brought me into Premier League life."

"My game improved when I left school and went to Villa. The coaches, youth team, reserve team and to the first team, they were fantastic with me."

"Any supporter will tell you that they like young players coming through. If a player attached to an

academy can eventually go through to being captain and wear that armband, it's fantastic for them. I was lucky enough to do it at Villa and really enjoyed it. They taught me how to become a professional footballer and what's needed. It's a time I'll never forget."

The Villa Barry left in 2009 are a long way from the club's current plight. Steve Bruce knows the importance of his first full season at the helm. Barry believes his former side are in the right hands.

"It's good to see Steve Bruce there, he had a little sticky patch but he's a fantastic manager."

"I think Villa are finding their feet again. It's been a few tough years with the relegation, which was always going to be hard, but they just needed that bit of time to settle and Steve Bruce is the right man to do that. He'll get a squad that'll eventually start to find their feet and begin to push for promotion."

### Faithful

A quick search of Barry's name on internet forums or social media will instantly display a plethora of nostalgic Villa Park faithful yearning for a Barry return.

Earlier this year he attended the Stiliyan Petrov Foundation dinner, where a photo was snapped for a smartly-dressed Barry posing with Villa's current midfield prodigy Jack Grealish. The Solihull-born 21-year-old has a long, long way to go eclipsing the sort of reputation Villa's former No.6 built.

He'll be 37 by next summer, at the end of his Everton contract and with – presumably – the Premier League record safely under his belt.

A Villa return couldn't happen...could it? "You never say never but as always Everton is the sole focus for me at the moment."

And what will come after the boots are hung up? "I'm not ruling anything out, I'm not going to do the badges while I'm still playing. I've made that decision."

"I want to finish playing and look back and see if I do miss being around it and whether I want to go into coaching. I'm not one to plan too much so I'll go from there. I've got one more left which will take me till I'm 37 which, for a footballer, is veteran stages – so I realise where I am in my career. I'm enjoying it still and that's the most important thing."

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### FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

## Luck deserts debutants on opening day

**Chasetown 1 Lincoln United 3**  
CHASETOWN suffered an opening-day defeat that could easily have been an opening-day victory in Evo-Stik One South.

The hosts had nine players making full debuts. One of them, George Cater, beat three players and chipped goalwards, only for Jake Turner to save by his near post.

Lincoln took the lead when Curtis Pond made a splendid save but Phil Watt netted the rebound. Turner denied a Chasetown equaliser with a superb save to keep out Sedgley's long-range effort.

Lincoln doubled their lead just before the hour, with Matthew Cotton sliding home a right-footer from inside the box.

Chasetown finally reduced the deficit with a long-range free-kick from Will Whieldon but their comeback hopes were dashed by Lincoln immediately adding a third from Jack Whitewick almost straight from the re-start.

**Ilkeston Town 0 Heath Hayes 2**  
Heath Hayes paid their first ever visit to rejuvenated Ilkeston and came away with a well-earned victory. With a crowd of 583 behind them, Ilkeston did the early pressing but only forced Mark Wiggins into making one save.

The young Hayes side grew in stature as the game went on and went in at half-time a goal to the good thanks to Jake Humphries.

The second half started as expected with Ilkeston putting the pressure on the Hayes back four. But every time Hayes broke forward they looked like getting a goal and they did when Mitchell Teece broke through on 75 minutes to put the game beyond Ilkeston. On Saturday, Hayes are at home to Coventry Alvis.

**Milton United Res 1 Cannock United 2**  
Cannock struggled for a squad, with players working, on holiday or injured, but having gone behind just nine minutes in, they needed to gel and find their strength. They grew as a team as the half continued, and Joe Taylor netted on 33 minutes on his debut.

Tom Dyer scored on 54 minutes when he found himself one-on-one with the keeper, giving Cannock a deserved win.

**Stone OA 0 Wolves Sporting CFC 3**

Sporting started brightly and the pace of the front two pairing Dimitri Dunkley and new signing Tom Hill were causing Stone problems with several chances created and missed, so it was no surprise when on 29 minutes full back Curtis Ellis whipped in a superb cross and Hill put away a bullet header from 18 yards.

It was not until 75 minutes that Sporting got their second, substitute Mark Habbershaw playing a one-two with Dunkley who slotted it under the keeper. On 84 minutes Dunkley made it 3-0 after Habbershaw played him in.

Sporting play Shifnal Town on Saturday at Great Wyrley's Pride Park.

## Move sees Lewis continue his fine form



Lewis Askey

SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD cyclist Lewis Askey has not stopped since finishing his GCSE exams at Erasmus Darwin Academy.

Opting to move to a new club, Backstedt/Hotchille, under the management of ex pro rider and stage winner of the Tour De France, Magnus Backstedt, the Wimbledun teenager spent his first week under their wings to participate in Sweden in an international six-day road race.

With several of the European countries taking their national teams to participate, Lewis knew the competition would be fierce.

Despite this he managed three days in the leader's yellow jersey and ended the tour in third place.

This was ideal preparation for his debut to represent Great Britain at the Youth Olympic Games in Hungary as part of a three-man team.

Initially he had to meet at the prestigious Bisham Abbey campus to be kitted out in Great Britain kit before flying out to Budapest with 47 other athletes from various sporting disciplines.

The opening ceremony on the Saturday evening had more than 15,000 spectators and was an incredible experience for them all.

Two golds and one bronze medal made Lewis the most successful youth male at

## Adam tops 1,000 runs for season

**Cannock 1st XI vs Walsall YPF 1st XI**  
THE visitors won the toss at Chase Park and elected to bat first.

Walsall YPF got off to a good start but Ed Fleet and Dan Wood swung the game Cannock's way with three wickets each, the visitors being dismissed for 159.

Adam Benton punished any loose deliveries on his way to an excellent 76, passing 1,000 runs for the season in the process. Cannock reached the winning target within 30 overs for the loss of only four wickets.

**Wolverhampton 3rd XI vs Cannock 2nd XI**

Wolverhampton amassed 255-8 from their 50 overs at Danescourt. Paul Greenfield was the pick of the Cannock bowlers with 4-56.

A young Cannock side put up a superb fight in reply with Ryan Peach scoring 66 and captain John Cooke adding 55 but they were to fall 18 runs short of the victory target, finishing on 237-6.

**Cannock 3rd XI vs Brewood 3rd XI**  
After being asked to bat first, Cannock posted 265 all out. Tom Hinks was the pick of the Cannock bowlers with 4-43 as Brewood could only manage 137-9 from their 50 overs, giving the hosts a very comfortable winning draw.

**Penkridge 4th XI vs Cannock 4th XI**  
Cannock returned to winning ways with a resounding victory over Penkridge, who skittled for 59. This score was no problem for a strong Cannock side with Ben Lockley scoring 20 to help the visitors to an eight-wicket win.

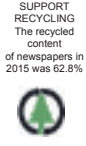
## Nathan's 120 not out seals victory

A CRACKING 120 not out from Nathan Timbrell saw Rugeley beat Aldridge in the Staffs Clubs Premier Division.

Rugeley posted 280-5 and Aldridge ended 36 short on 234. Beacon's James Fildes with his knock of 104 took the game away from Hammerwich, who totalled 240. Beacon (243-7) won by three wickets. Whittington surpassed Wednesbury's 209-8 with just one wicket down.

In Division 3, Armitage bowled out Burntwood St Matthews for 92 and then promptly knocked off the runs without loss. In the Birmingham League Division 2, C&R Hawks beat Fordhouses and Penkridge lost to Old Elizabethans.

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# NEW-LOOK SIDE SHARE SPOILS

**Hednesford Town 1 Ashton Utd 1**  
**HEDNESFORD** Town were forced to settle for a point from their opening game of the new Evo-Stik Premier season.

The Pitmen had no fewer than six debutants in their starting XI, as well as a new manager in Neil Tooth.

After an even start, Hednesford almost went ahead in the eighth minute when the ball was played in to James Lawrie and his first-time right-foot effort flashed across goal before hitting the inside of the post and rebounding to safety.

It would be Ashton who would strike first though, when in the 26th minute the Pitmen were cut open and, although James Wren stopped Jack Dyche's effort, the goalkeeper and two defenders on the line were unable to keep out Matthew Chadwick's strike.

Hednesford almost responded straight away when Kris Taylor's free-kick picked out Joe Ballinger, but the defender sent a free header wide.

### Drifted

Back came the visitors and, after Dyche had broken the offside trap, he looked almost certain to double the lead on the half-hour mark, only for Sam Oji to get a block in for a corner.

Two minutes later and the Pitmen were level when they were awarded a penalty after James Lawrie was brought down. Danny Glover sent David Carnell the wrong way to open his account for the season.

Three minutes into the second half, Kris Taylor saw Carnell off his line, but his effort from fully 40 yards drifted wide of the goal.

Glover flashed a half chance wide in the 75th minute before at the other end a ball went all the way across the Town box but no-one was unable to finish. It was Hednesford who ended the game stronger with Jordan Nadat firing an effort over the bar before Bailey picked out Glover, his header going wide of the far post.

The Pitmen were at Matlock on Tuesday night and travel to Shaw Lane on Saturday

## Juniors' joy at FA club award



Wyrley Juniors chairman Keith Hardy, left, is presented with the award by Martin Keown

WYRLEY Juniors FC have added the Charter Standard Community Club of the Year award to their list of accolades.

Club volunteers attended the 2017 FA Community Awards ceremony at Wembley, presented by McDonald's, ahead of the Community Shield tie between Arsenal and Chelsea.

Club chairman Keith Hardy was handed the award by former England defender Martin Keown, who is McDonald's head of football.

The FA and McDonald's Community Awards, now in their eighth year, recognise and celebrate volunteers, coaches, clubs and leagues throughout England whose dedication and hard work ensures the ongoing success of grassroots football in local communities.

Wyrley Juniors FC has seen a remarkable growth over the past two years rising, from 48 members to 65, including two new disability teams and a new walking football side.

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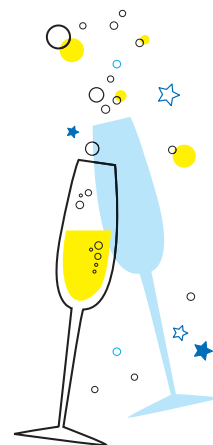
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